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6/13/2020 1:57	Calvin Dittmore	I would like to see money moved from our police departments and put into our community resources. International Peace Gardens need to be fixed up. Pay people to be community organizers. Pay people to be oversight and check the follow through of money spent or policies made. The coy be damned and voted out.
6/13/2020 8:00	wesley frampthn	I do not support a decrease in funding for our police department. Our men and women in blue deserve so much more than they are receiving right now. I am a tax paying citizen and I would support additional funding. If we continue down the path we are going our country will suffer, our city will suffer and our communities will suffer. This needs to stop. start supporing the police and stop treating them like the suspect.
6/13/2020 7:32	Anonymous Constituent	We want law and order. Please... do NOT defund ANY of our police departments on behalf of tax paying law abiding citizens.
6/13/2020 8:35	Anonymous Constituent	I would like to express my feelings about the police situation the country is facing at this time. I feel that the police departments need to seriously be re-evaluated. I feel that policemen do need much more training before they ever put on a badge. This training should, in my opinion, include real-life application of interactions with people in the communities they will be serving. I do not claim to have answers to the problems facing us, but I do not think the police should be defunded. Thank you for your time.
6/13/2020 8:45	emily leavens	Please reduce police spending and allocate that money towards social workers, psychologists, and rehabilitation programs.

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6/13/2020 9:39	Anonymous Constituent	Hello, I am an individual that possesses a Masters in Public Health. Based on extensive research findings I have come to the belief that we as a city need to allocate at least a minor percentage of funding going to police enforcment to social services. We have large percentages of homeless individuals that need more access to social and safety services since the homeless shelter shut down. I bell've we need to focus on hiring more social workers and other mental health workers to assist the county. I have witnessed first hand that extra police training does benefit all involved. My sibling has Autism and has been exposed to amazing law enforcment officers who have had appriopriate autism training. Despite this amazing work I still beleive that we need more actual mental health workers to assist in complex everyday issues and even assist the police in daily duties. Thank you for taking the time to read my request. Kindest Regards, -A
6/13/2020 10:24	Oliver Harrington	The funds put towards the police in Utah is outrageously high. With one of the highest rates of police brutality in the country, it is time for change. Money needs to be reallocated to our communities and to supplying proper help and care to them.
6/13/2020 11:26	Andy Leonard	I fear you're only hearing from a small group of people who want to defund or even disband the SLCPD. I don't feel like these people represent the majority of the citizens of Salt Lake City, the "Quiet Majority". They're quiet because they're generally happy with how things are progressing in the city. The SLCPD is one of the most progressive and forward thinking departments in the entire country. Most of the things being demanded of PD's across the country are already in place here in SLC. De escalation techniques, implicit bias training, Arbinger training, etc are already a part of the SLCPD culture. Lowering the budget of the PD is a bad idea and will prove to the officers something that they already think is true, that they have zero support from the city council. You are going to lose the officers who have other options for a career, and recruiting efforts, already very difficult, will be so hard that the PD will be scraping the bottom of the barrel, greatly lowering the quality of police officers in Salt Lake. In other words, you will end up with the heavy handed poorly trained police department that some of you think we already have. Fund the police department and allow them to continue the great work they're doing here.

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6/13/2020 12:11	michael beesley	PLEASE! Think this out very carefully! This is no time for partisan politics or axe grinding. Your decission to chop the police budget could/will have devastating results that will be felt mainly by the good citizens of SLC. A knee-jerk reaction stemming from an unfortunate albeit tragic singular event should NOT be permitted to happen. I STAND WITH THE VERY IMPORTANT POLICE!! So should you. Thank you!

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6/13/2020 14:15	Eric Egenolf	<p>Defund the police department and start over. It appears that police budget from the General Fund for FY19 was about \$71 million. Then it received an \$11 million jump in 2020 up to \$82 million. Why? The mayor's Proposed Budget for FY21 now has it a \$84.4 million, making it the single largest line item for the General Fund. Why? Is this making Salt Lake city'safer? Are we sending police out to calls for which they are not trained? Regardless of the call, they arrive on scene armed to the teeth with every possible weapon on their person. At recent protests, they look like they are equipped for a military operation against the citizens of Utah's capital city. The police department is set up as the hammer, so it's not surprising that everyone and everything in their path starts to look like a nail. Just hammer it down. Harass the unsheltered, discard their cold weather gear, and shuffle them to a new location. This at a time when the city reduced homeless shelter bed count to about 70% of what it was a year ago. A decision which falls squarely on the shoulders of the City Council (of which Erin Mendenhall was the first member to withdraw support for building all of the proposed homeless resources centers) and the Mayor (then Jackie Biskupski, now Erin). Someone calls the police because a neighbor is acting strange? Not trained to handle mental health issues, the police open fire when the person can't respond logically to commands. A suspect runs? Well just shoot him in the back 20 times so he's dead. The list goes on. Body cameras don't actually reduce the occurrences of police brutality, they just provide evidence of it-which can later be ignored with qualified immunity. The police department budget should be dismantled and re-distributed to services that actually benefit the citizens who pay for into the budget. Proposals to set aside a few million dollars to look at alternate services or do better in communities of color are bandaids and platitutdes in a moment when we need systemic change. Especially regarding police brutality against people of color. Black Lives Matter. Camden, New Jersey abolished its police department and started over with a new model. Does Salt Lake City have the will to? it'starts with the budget.</p>

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6/13/2020 14:59	gary harding	Yesterday I submitted an email using this vehicle regarding budgeting for the police. I did not make a copy of my submittal and would like to have one. If possible please send me a copy at the email address given when I logged on for this message. Thank you.
6/13/2020 16:14	Todd Thomas	I have heard news reports that you are talking about defunding the police department. I am opposed to this. If we want better quality officers, the police need MORE funding. If officers are being poorly trained, the solution is better or more training. How do you accomplish that? By paying for it. An attempt to fix concerns over police misconduct through cutting budgets makes zero logical sense. I am a liberal individual, I voted for Bernie Sanders in the democratic primaries twice. I am a minority as well. I do not support the defunding of police. I actually want an increase in police funding. The council notes seemed to imply you were removing funds for body cameras and less-lethal tools like tasers from the department. How does that help improve accountability or proper policing? Body cameras protect police from false accusations of brutality, AND prove brutality in many cases. There are many cases of police brutality that would go UNREPORTED without body cameras. Body cameras are win-win. Please show some courage and actually increase the police's budget AS A WAY TO FIGHT POOR POLICING. You can earmark it for training. This isn't complicated. When people on my side of the political spectrum complain, explain it's simply like this: "We increased police budgets to get them better training and attract better quality officers so they won't brutalize people."
6/13/2020 16:24	Doug MacLean	i stongly object to any consideration to defund the police We were told additional officers were to be hired but only half those positions have been filled.. It will be very difficult tofill future open police positions because the job has been made unsafe and underappreciated.
6/13/2020 17:10	Anonymous Constituent	I support the police and the work they do. I think it would be a huge mistake to reduce our police force at this time. Please do not make this mistake!
6/13/2020 17:13	Anonymous Constituent	A few bad apples does not necessitate reducing our police force. They serve an important function and deserve our support. Please do not reduce our police force.

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6/13/2020 21:45	Anonymous Constituent	I don't see how reducing police budget will help citizens. More training, perhaps, but not a lower budget that may cause the loss of some really good policemen and policewomen.
6/13/2020 22:06	Angela Gorringer	<p>In my own life and during work situations I have faced many circumstances where I have come in contact with police officers and needed their assistance. I have been grateful over the years as I have faced some scary situations in an abusive relationship where I needed to call the police and they were there in a heartbeat. I fully support the police departments and all of their efforts they put into keeping our communities safe. As a single mom , I dont know what I would do without the safety of the police officers to call when I need help. Like the time I was woken by my dog barking in the middle of the night and there was a man breaking into my home. I sat holding the doorknob from the inside hoping I could prevent him from getting the door unlocked as I called 911 and my 2 tiny children hid in their rooms hoping they would be safe. I bell've in equal rights and safety for all, and I dedicate my life in my profession to helping children in all walks of life, but I in no way bell've taking funding from those that protect us is the way to solve any problem. Prevention isessential, but there are always those that no matter how much prevention you provide they will still need police intervention. My ex husband was one of those, many tries with prevention programs was not enough to keep me and my kids safe. Please take into consideration the voice of a single mother who is still alive today thanks to the quick reactions and caring hearts of our local police. Give them the support and funding they need to keep our communities safe.</p>

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6/13/2020 22:27	Simon Rucinski	<p>Per the Merriam Webster online dictionary, 'defund' means 'to withdraw funding from.' I say this because I am not sure the council understood what 'defund the police' meant, and I just want to start this conversation with everyone on the same page. I am among those who have begun to understand the fact that systemic racism is an inherent quality of our criminal justice system, and as a result I am joining the call for a police budget reduction of 26 million or more, bringing the total police budget down to roughly 58 million while reallocating that money to departments and programs that work to mitigate and treat those underlying conditions that lead to high crime rates. In a surprise twist, not only have these council conversations taken a typical turn, but the council is voting to increase the budget by 1.127 million dollars (hence why I began with the definiton for 'defund'). The suggestions of body cameras and cruiser technology that activates these cameras when a call is being responded to are traditional solutions that have been touted and tried for years but which fail to create meaningful change. In the case of Bernardo Palacios, it took two weeks and a 15,000 signature petition to get the police department to even release a portion of the body camera footage, a clear symbol of why body cameras are not a solution. Council chair Chris Wharton has said, "Not all police departments are created equal, and our police department, we bell've, is further along in reaching many of these goals many of these commenters articulated that they wanted to see." But let's take a step back to only 5 years ago, when the police budget was only 58.5 million dollars. Only 5 years ago, we were spending 26 million less on the police force. So why are we not looking back on those numbers and asking, "what has that 26 million done in the past 5 years?" The cost of body cameras (\$687,000) *Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Simon Rucinski	<p>*Continued 2/2* is a mere 2.2% of the 26 million in increased spending. If that is a goal we have aspired to, why has it not been done already? Mike Brown has said of a 30 million dollar decrease, "That would have a huge impact on the safety of this community." Would it? Was our community a crime-ridden wasteland 5 years ago? Per City-data.com, no, it wasn't. In fact, the rates for major crimes including murder, rape, and assault, remained roughly the same from 2015 until the most recently recorded year of 2018. Moving forward, I demand that the council seriously look at and learn from the past, and ask the hard questions that need to be asked right now. I demand that you not simply pay lip-service by promising to roll out the easy "solutions", but to consider solutions that match the scale of the problem. "Not all police departments are created equal" - that's exactly right and that is why we need to serve this community by legitimately reforming ours. Our city, our way.</p>
6/14/2020 1:52	MICHAEL CAREY	<p>You have got to be out of your mind.!! SLC police department is doing great job. They have made changes and gotten a head of any problems in the race area. Very good officers in a very good department. With no police who do you call for help.. Wild West will return no cops then we can do it our way.. bang bang keep your police department.. please.</p>
6/14/2020 6:52	Anonymous Constituent	<p>Cutting the police force in SLC is absolutely most ridiculous proposal ever conceived. At this important juncture in history it might even be more important to have a bigger, calmer presence to ensure all citizens remain calm and respectful. Do not allow the mob to hurt our brave heroes. SLC is unlike every other city and we deserve to maintain our peace and security.</p>
6/14/2020 9:13	Anonymous Constituent	<p>don't turn SLC into Seattle! please let us know who is advocating reducing police budgets so we can take corrective action.</p>

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6/14/2020 10:22	Ember Bradbury	I am a resident of District One. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,
6/14/2020 10:25	Eleanor Kingston	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year.
6/14/2020 10:28	Edward Hannan-Canete	After giving the matter quite a bit of additional thought, I bell've the police play a vital roll in our community, and I would encourage you to consider voting to approve the additional funding they have requested.

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6/14/2020 10:35	Doug Dansie	I purchased a dilapidated home on Capitol Hill in 1993 and spent hundreds of thousands of dollars restoring it It took two years I have lived in the home 25 years I have been burglarized 4 times; taking passports, diamonds, computers, electronics, credit cards etc. Three home break-ins, one garage invasion. The police caught two burglars None of the experiences were pleasant; consuming months of my life with insurance, court, etc. I have been pressed to install an extremely expansive security system I appreciate the police for doing their job, Defunding the police (or reallocating funds) in such an environment will only encourage People'such as myself to relocate to a suburban location with far less crime.

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6/14/2020 10:39	Debora DeDen	I live in southern Davis County, but I work in downtown Salt Lake City. As such, I spend a significant portion of my day in SLC. I have been working from home during the last few months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, I should be returning to SLC to work within the next few weeks. I wanted to comment on this agenda item for your council meeting this afternoon: I obviously don't know the specifics of what changes are proposed to the budget, whether they be increases, cuts or re-allocations. However, I am concerned about public safety should any budget changes be made in a hasty response to community dialogue. I just wanted to encourage the council to take an appropriate amount of time to discuss budget changes before decisions are made. It concerns me that many groups are having knee-jerk reactions to current situations when what we need is level-headed thoughtfulness. Thank you for your consideration.
6/14/2020 10:55	Megan Wilson	Hello I wanted to express my concern about the possibility of defunding the police. It is a terrible idea that will likely result in several negative consequences. These include but are not limited to; increased crime, decreased assistance and increased response time to those in need, and decreased training opportunities. Defunding the police will result in a decline in the quality and safety of the city, affecting tourism, the lives of its resident, and the state as a whole. Please consider the basic cause and effect that this course of action will create. Thank you!
6/14/2020 11:29	Debora DeDen	I live in southern Davis County, but I work in downtown Salt Lake City. As such, I spend a significant portion of my day in SLC. I have been working from home during the last few months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, I should be returning to SLC to work within the next few weeks. I wanted to comment on this agenda item for your council meeting this afternoon: I obviously don't know the specifics of what changes are proposed to the budget, whether they be increases, cuts or re-allocations. However, I am concerned about public safety should any budget changes be made in a hasty response to community dialogue. I just wanted to encourage the council to take an appropriate amount of time to discuss budget changes before decisions are made. It concerns me that many groups are having knee-jerk reactions to current situations when what we need is level-headed thoughtfulness. Thank you for your consideration.

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6/14/2020 11:53	Crystal Memmott	I am writing today to show my support for our Salt Lake City Police officers. They have a demanding and high stress job with not so great pay. I am afraid if you cut the budget even more we will have more crime and violence in the end which non of us want at all. I know the system if not perfect, put time and training to make it better. We need to help and hold officers to a higher standard and give them more resources to help them help us more.

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6/14/2020 11:58	Clairesse Broschinsky	I'm writing to express my grave concern over the possibility of defunding/cutting the budget of the Salt Lake City police department. This would be a huge mistake. I live in Salt Lake County and we all live, work, and play in Salt Lake City. Public safety is a concern now more than ever and cutting funding, reducing staff, etc. is the worst idea. The idea of abolishing entire police departments is Insanity.reform across the nation should be considered and of course is a necessity in some places but if the recent riots have shown us anything it's that our SLCPD (and all Utah police officers) conduct themselves with professionalism, bravery, and indiscriminately. I urge the SLC council to use reason, logic, and level-headedness in any and all considerations for *changes to departments; but do not eliminate the SLCPD or any other necessary department or program.
6/14/2020 12:19	Chelsie Damico	I am so disgusted this is even being considered. This cannot happen- our amazing state and country will turn into a third world country without our amazing law enforcement. We don't have a law enforcement problem- we have a weak leader [MENDENHALL] problem. We have an entitlement problem. And we have a discipline tantrum throwing problem with the citizens of Salt Lake City. Shame on Mendenhall for even thinking about this.

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6/14/2020 12:09	Christopher Payne	<p>I love this city and this state, but it is built upon a deeply entrenched system of disempowerment that is our police force. What we need right now is to rethink how policing works within our community. I am begging you to become the historical figures who will help to shift this nation's direction for the better. Reallocate this city's funding to begin rebuilding our core social programs and begin the process of re-envisioning the police force in the same manner as Camden, New Jersey once did. Otherwise, I will no longer be able to support you, my community leaders. "I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering people of color. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me."</p>

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6/14/2020 12:14	Cheryl Steggell	Please keep us safe. Do not defund the police. Thier lives matter too. Look at Seattle, they can't control their city. My granddaughter is biracial and is already frightened from our first protest with the radical protesters. I am in favor of psychology testing the new hires but not defunding or any thing like that.
6/14/2020 12:16	Chelsie Oakford	I am NOT in support of defunding the Salt Lake Police Department. Althoughreform is necessary here and throughout the country this is not the answer. I question the strength/integrity of our leaders with our safety and loyalty to those who serve our community if this were to happen. I speak not only for myself, my family but, also for others who are concerned about this issue. Depending on how this and other situations are handled it truly makes me question living in Salt Lake and instead we will pursue living somewhere else that has leadership who value those dedicated to serving their community, our safety, but also can although change, growth, andreform in positive ways within our city. I thank you for the ways the council is looking to improve our community and hope that can be accomplished through other avenues.

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6/14/2020 12:21	Charlie Lewis	I've lived in Salt Lake City for thirty years. I'm writing to tell you that I have zero faith in measures like ?implicit bias training? , ?community policing? or ?minority hiring? to bring meaningful change to the SLCPD. I am urging you to consider radical and aggressive defunding and redistribution of the police budget. Half measures frighten me to be quite honest and am at this time devoting the entirety of my political and financial energy towards police abolition. I will never again support another local candidate who chooses not to rise to this historic moment.
6/14/2020 13:55	Karen Vierra	Taking away funds for the Police Department will most certainly do more harm than good. If anything, the budget needs to be increased, so that funds can be allocated for improved training programs. If funds are taken away, it will likely have a negative impact on personnel, meaning layoffs, etc. Do you really want to do that to your residents? Do you really want to put the department into the position of being forced to not being able to respond to critical calls for help, because there's noone available? Not only that, but what kind of message do you want to send to your Police Department, and the people of Utah? Are you really willing to abandon your city, by succumbing to the will of this group of Anarchists? Shame on you, if you do.

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6/14/2020 14:07	Arthur Healey	<p>I am a retired SLCPD lieutenant. I proudly served thirty years. Two issues are on my mind right now. The stereotyping of the men and women I served with and the quality of the men and women applying to replace the ones I knew. The men and women I worked with were some of the finest, dedicated, fair, compasionate and respectful of their fellow human beings I could ever serve with or they were not. I saw great goodness and I saw humans who failed to live up to the simplest standards of ethical behavior. There was a continuum of conduct. I saw racism and I saw brotherhood. I could give you specific examples but for brevity let me just say here that the good was the overwhelming positive conduct of the officers I saw. The bad were few but hard to get rid of and for the majority they were not accepted for their conduct, attitudes or ethics by the vast margin. As an administrator I had the obligation to see that invstigations of unethcal, racist, brutality and corruption were fairly l'vestigated and both aggravating and mitigating factors were presented to the administration. I never enjoyed finding an officer had betrayed their oath or humanity. But I further loathed having them betray their comrades and the citizens of our city and country. I had a direct hand in the dismissal of officers who betrayed that trust. Respectfully overwhelmingly you could be proud of the men and women we had. After I retired 12 years ago the legislature in what those of us who served can only call an act of sheer fiscal madness reduced the pensions to an unlivable level. All we hear now is that nobody in their right mind would now join the police department to do the job we did without that end of service reward. *Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Arthur Healey	<p>*Continued 2/2* Was that end of career bonus too much? When I retired my monthly health insurance for my wife and I was \$600 a month. Two years ago before I reached Medicare age it was \$1800 a month for the two of us and at 50% coverage. I went six months with only catastrophic insurance. And I had lieutenants retirement. Now we hear that the quality candidates no longer apply. That people we would have rejected for questionable characteristics are accepted reluctantly. You get what you pay for. I bell've the core of the department is still purponderously good men and women but I wonder about things I see but no longer have the facts to review. I worry that the incidence of misconduct will only grow rather than get better without the ability to hire the best, brightest and ethical people availabe. I loved my service to the city. I am always willing to help freely and willingly. I am at your service and available if you want further information.</p>
6/14/2020 19:15	Cassandra Barrett	<p>I have been disturbed by the show of police at justified protests. Why are men with guns and tanks and a helicopter sent out to monitor the citizens they are supposed to be protecting? Utah has the most disporportionate number of police killings of black folks (~10% of police killings when they make up only ~1% of the population) in the country. An overarmed, overfunded police force is not what we want in our communities. We do not want cops in our schools. We want social workers, funding for schools, and protections for queer folks, POC, and indigenous folks. Please, defund the SLCPD and use our city's budget to serve our communities with more wisdom and compassion. Thank you all so much for taking the time to consider this issue.</p>

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6/14/2020 22:09	Catherine Winslow	I am a worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. Thank you for hearing our voices. The community of which you work for have big concerns. I emphasize the need for the city to make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I see a huge need for funding in our community. I've investment needs to be made directly to individuals and our communities. Structural disadvantage, pervasive inequality, joblessness, poverty, and inadequate public services are common characteristics of inner-city communities, with higher crime rates. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in education for our children. The children are our future and without proper funding they will not and can not succeed. My sister is a school teacher and does not have enough furniture for her students. The whole school doesn't and are told they will need to fundraise to get chairs. How can we care so little about our future? It is heartbreaking to see students not have anywhere to sit, but 30 million excessively allocated to the police.
6/14/2020 22:12	Chad Anderson	I would like to thank you for your time and patience during all that is going on. I listened to the Public Comments that were made during the counsel meeting on June 9th and felt I should send you mine. I believe the police are tasked with a very difficult job, and most do this with great care and skill. Taking away from or reducing the police budget would not improve the outcomes, but would cause a greater problem. Keeping this important discussion going as we work on new city law enforcement policies would bring us closer to a peaceable solution we can all live with. Thank you again for all you do. Resident District 7
6/14/2020 22:18	Chandler Smith	I was reviewing the 2019 Annual Report for the SLCPD. On page 5 it states that they have three goals, the second one titled "Improve Department Effectiveness and Efficiency" has a bullet point labeled "Analyze and Implement Cost Savings Programs and Practices" I would like to see in the next City Council meeting these Cost Savings Programs and Practices addressed, what they were, have they been implemented, and why they need to increase their budget when they have set a goal to save costs.

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6/14/2020 22:38	Becky Johnson	I want to make it known that I'm completely opposed to discussions re: defunding SLPD; I'm aware this doesn't mean disbanding the police. I'm opposed to discussions about defunding the police as a knee jerk reaction in a time of crisis, as a simplistic response to those who have engaged in protests and riots. I'm an advocate of making strategic decisions about Law Enforcement and other City, County & State services based on rational decision making such as long-term data, ongoing conversations that allow the opinions of all interested citizens, and allowing citizens of the City to vote on decisions.
6/15/2020 7:13	Paul Lapetina	Dear city Council: I am a resident of Salt Lake City living in the sugarhouse neighborhood. I wish to let you know of my position regarding the recent policing matters that you have been considering. I wish to complement our representative Aimee Fowler and the mayor for their reasoned and measured responses on the recent RadioWest program with Doug Fabrizio. I also wish to complement and state my full support for the position the city Council has been communicating to us through its email updates. I do not bell've we should decrease the budget for the police department. But I do very strongly bell've meaningful and substantial changes should be made to the police department. I bell've training and screening and strengthening citizen review boards should be major priorities. This may in fact cause additional money to be allocated to the police department which I fully Support if that is what is needed. Thank you for all your work and service you do for the city.

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6/15/2020 7:18	Yessenia Barbosa	<p>Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Yessenia Barbosa</p>

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6/15/2020 8:58	peter gordon	Garage break in and theft occurred at my home Saturday night 15 June and they broke into a back window in the garage and with bolt cutters cut my locked up mountain bike and stole it. They also attempted to cut through hardened case steel chain to get my brand new and very expensive road and mountain bikes. The thl'ves were well prepared and knew what they were doing. I want you to be aware of this because defunding the police is moving in the wrong direction. In fact we need to increase spending On our police force and patrols. don't buy into the negative narrative of the political left please. People who pay for the police department want the police to patrol and to keep our neighborhood safe. Do we need to have a break in turn deadly in order for the city Council to pay attention to this matter? Thank you
6/15/2020 9:15	Brett Thompson	I have heard that it is being considered to defund the police. I personally do not understand this direction. I do feel that additional training should be in order in regard to the current political hot topics being protested, but reducing the police force? What does that achl've? People need to realize how much the police actually do for us as a whole. If we reduce the force, then the public will have no choice but to take some matters into their own hands without an officer to handle the problem. Is this what we really want? Crime will go up. Criminals are opportunists, they will realize, it will take longer for police to arrive, if at all, when they want to commit a crime. As the size of the force currently stands, several years ago I reported a break in. I watched it happen and the burglar was still inside. It took over 30 minutes and a couple calls back before someone was available to respond. Eventually they found the criminal asleep in the resident's bed. The outcome could have been much worse if there were even less officers and it took more time to respond. The homeowner, a female, could have come home to find a criminal in her home. How would that have worked out? I for one appreciate the Police department and would encourage each of you to seriously consider how defunding or reducing the police forces ability to ?protect and serve? will actually affect the community. Criminals and anti establishment people will love it! Hard working, stand up community members and the vulnerable will be the ones that will suffer from ths. It is ridiculous. Thank you for taking the time to read my comment.

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6/15/2020 10:51	belle october	Hi! I'm Belle, I've emailed all of you individually as well. I'm here to demand that you defund the police. The police force of SLC has proven themselves to be a small military, capable and eager to shoot our citizens for trying to protest for a better life. They have shot guns and tear gas at us, this must end. You must defund the police and put that money back into out disenfranchised citizens, our BIPOC communities and our schools. Black residents of SLC must not fear for thier lives every time they get stopped for speeding. The police force is immoral and unethcial and it must be defunded. Defund the police. We the people will not stop this fight. Be on our side. ACAB, Belle

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6/15/2020 10:25	Kathryn Buntain	<p>City Councilman Mano and Mayor Mendenhall, I am emailing to express my deep concern over the budget that is being voted on tomorrow. The country is rising up in response to recent and continued acts of police brutality. Salt Lake City is not immune from this prejudiced over-policing and broken criminal justice systems. I am new to the city and to Utah, and in my ~3 months of living here after moving across the country, I have already had 2 interactions with the police, more than I had in my previous hometown Columbus, Ohio over the course of 5 years. I should state that I am a 30 year old white woman and have never once feared for my life when interacting with the police and therefore felt comfortable calling them, which is certainly not the case for all of the Black citizens and people of color in your city. My husband and I have moved into an apartment near State and 9th, and we've already had two instances where we called the police - both times, the non-emergency line. The first was because someone broke into our garage and stole multiple items, and we needed an 'official report' to file our insurance claim. The second, because a man vandalized our front porch. Neither of these situations was life threatening or violent and did not require armed police officers to come out to our apartment. Yet that is what occurred. In fact, the second instance brought 3 armed police officers to our front yard to 'handle' a single intoxicated, confused, homeless man. In that situation, we were extremely torn from the start - do we call the police for something like minor vandalization of our property? This man clearly needed help, and should not have faced any kind of criminal process for what he did to our property. But we knew of no other option to address what happened and to keep it from continuing to happen, so we called the non-emergency line for help, explaining our situation. The 3 officers who came out told us that if there had been proof it was indeed this man that vandalized our property, they would have taken him "in". *Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Kathryn Buntain	<p>*Continued 2/2* What extent of punishment he would have faced, I don't know, but I feel deep shame that this person could have faced any kind of criminal action because of this, versus getting the help that he needed. This is a very small, insignificant example for why your citizens are calling out for change. This doesn't begin to address the very direct police brutality and murder disproportionately affecting Black people and POC in the city, but I wanted to share a simple instance of how defunding the police could become reality. The police should not be responding to situations like mine. I ask for the council and Mayor to reconsider the proposed budget where you have increased the police department budget by over a million dollars. The money being pumped into this broken, over-utilized institution is not going to fix the underlying problems that officers are responding to. That money could be reallocated to create new programs and/or fund the under-funded programs that already exist to address the hugely evident problems the city faces - one of which is the number of transient people living on the streets in this city. We want better addiction treatment access, mental healthcare services, affordable housing solutions, education enhancements, and a myriad of other social services. Please reconsider increasing funding to the SLCPD and instead consider funding the services that your citizens desperately need and deserve. Your citizens are asking you to be proactive instead of reactive and be more thoughtful about how our tax dollars are spent. Please fund services that help support, uplift, and serve your citizens instead of over-policing them. Thank you, Kathryn Buntain</p>
6/15/2020 11:12	Laura Sinden	Please defund the police department and use those funds for SLC schools, libraries, Youthcity and other afterschool programs. Thank you,

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6/15/2020 11:11	Curtis Chisholm	I am a Utah native and have lived in the state most of my life and I have lived in SLC for over half of my 54 years. I am also the CEO of several companies headquartered in Downtown SLC. Before our local government caves into the vocal MINORITY (not in terms of race - but population) please let us know how you plan on keeping the citizens safe and our property protected??? I think our police need more money - not less! We almost never see police about Foothill BLVD as it is! How do you get better people involved in Policing and get them better training with less money??? How can we not stand up for those that protect us from the violence that we see? The number of police assaulted these two past weeks is horific! This insanity needs to stop. One bad cop doesn't mean they all are - this is reverse racism and extreme hypocrisy. Thank you for serving our community, God bless you and your family
6/15/2020 11:21	Anonymous Constituent	
6/15/2020 11:47	Kobe Macher	there is no reason as to why slpd needs more funding. it needs to be defunded. the police grossly misuse their budgeting, and use it to terrorize civilians. we've seen it more frequently recently. in salt lake city especially, we need to address pressing issues that can be solved for the betterment of our city, and they can begin being solved with parts of that budget. homelessness is a major issue in our city. why dont we use some of the millions of dollars set aside for the police to address homelessness? or, use the money to enrich our failing education system. there are genuine and present issues that our funding can be put towards. the police do NOT need that money, and its ridiculous to even imagine for a second that they do. if you think they deserve every part of their proposed budget, you are ignoring much more important concerns, and you're unfit to decide where public spending goes. it's irresponsible. as members of city council, you should look for ways to enrich your city, rather than use funds that couldve helped greatly in other areas to further militarize and empower an organization that does more harm than good. don't be naive, don't play stupid. if you pass this budget, you will be met with even more pushback in the form of protest and riot. expect that.

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6/15/2020 11:47	Anonymous Constituent	<p>Hey just a concerned citizen here, I think the police should get defunded and NOT have this 84 million dollars that could instead go to community resources like shelters, libraries, schools, food pants, etc. The money we put into our police here would be better put to use if we redirected that cash flow back to the community and give our locals support. Think "Suburbs" and how they are taxed and funded, except do it for the whole city and fund it using the budget that would have gone to the police. With more financial support, our community will be more stable and there would be less stress on the city as a whole. Less stress over food, water, housing, electricity, etc = more stable, happy lives and less reason to commit crimes. Most crimes (that ARENT staged or instigated by police to meet a quota) are done out of desperation. Bills to pay, loans, food, housing. If we help lift weight off our community, theres less reason to commit crimes! Cops spend most of their time ticketing people anyway and dont seem to protect anyone or do any problem solving. They didnt help me when I was being abused, saying they can only do something if someone gets sseriously injured or dead (how will they help me if I'm dead or dying???) they didnt help my friend when she was robbed, just said "sorry we dont know who did it, good luck though!" and pulled another one of my friends over for... driving while being Mexican. I fully bell've the money that our city gives to the police budget can be better spent elsewhere, specifically on community resources. More parks! More shelters! More food banks! More funding towards outreach programs. Theres better ways to protect a community than deterrence, by starting at the root of these problems and stopping them before they start. Give our youth, especially the youth of color and poor youth, a chance by funding their school districts and community better. We all deserve equal chance! No one should live in fear of cops, no one should live in fear of going outside because of their skin color. Please, I hope this message reaches someone safely and you understand. I have full confidence that Salt Lake City, as progressive as it is, can see where the problem lies and fix it. Thank you for reading! p.s. I just want you to imagine what 84 million dollars could do if you put it towards the community instead of an institution. Theres so much potential!</p>

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6/15/2020 12:11	Anonymous Constituent	Please do not fun the police anymore. They do not need more power to oppress and harass civilians. We do not need armed strangers dealing with people in need. The only way to stop police brutality is by defunding them. They have enough power already to make everyone scared of them. The modern policing system has to go. We do not want or need more strangers with a life-ending weapon at easy access being the ones that are supposed to protect us, but instead only leave us in more fear and killing and brutalizing innocent people just so the system can let them go. You're betraying your citizens by further funding the police.

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6/15/2020 12:12	Jean Gardner	<p>reconsider the proposed 2020-21 Salt Lake City general fund budget increase of 1.3 million earmarked for the police department. I am a White woman in my 60?s and have been an educator of children for over 40 years. My ex-husband and I moved to Salt Lake City in 1993. During most of this time we both resided in the Avenues neighborhood. My ex-husband is Black. He is also a professor, a local spiritual leader, and a retired small-business owner. Unfortunately, when police officers see my husband, they do not see a man who is a professional educator and spiritual leader. Instead, they only see a ?Black man?. They see a Black man who ?fits the description? of any possible crime. They see: A Black man driving a nice (stolen?) car?and so he is pulled over under false pretenses. A Black man jogging (running from a break-in?) in a predominantly White neighborhood?and so he is questioned as to why he is exercising in his own neighborhood. A Black man shopping (robbing?) a convenience store?and so the officer in the store puts his hand on his gun to indicate he is watching him closely. In fact, my ex-husband goes out of his way to introduce himself to people in the neighborhood, to police officers he encounters, to store and restaurant owners?just so he can feel a small sense of safety living within his own community. His many encounters of racial profiling by the police is not a rarity for Black people living in Salt Lake City?it is the norm. You and I, as White people of this community, can go about our daily lives with little concern about the police. This is not the daily reality of BIPOC living in SLC?including my bi-racial daughter. If you or I get pulled over by the police, our biggest fear is getting a ticket. We do not fear being frisked, searched, man-handled, handcuffed, arrested, or ending up dead. Racial profiling and pre-assumptions lead to police using tactics of in-your-face intimidation, aggressive escalation, and deadly force as the first (rather than the last) course of action. We often see or hear about the Blue Code of Silence, so that even ?good? cops are expected to protect their fellow officer. The truth of excessive or inappropriate use of force is then hidden from the public and accountability is null and void. But police are here to serve and protect the people?all the people?not just to serve and protect their own self-interest. Policereforms have already been tried. De-escalation training and police cams are not making a positive change (as evidenced by the countless available videos coming from bystanders as well as the police?s own video cameras.) The U.S. policing system utilized in most cities is deeply flawed. One only needs to listen to the multitude of voices?to hear the stories, to see the videos, to feel the trauma. We need to totally rethink what equitable and humane public safety and social justice systems look like?systems that utilize practices of supportive services over practices of predominate force. In 2013 the city of Camden, New Jersey dared to disband their old police</p>

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6/15/2020 12:22	Anonymous Constituent	Hi! I am writing to object to defunding the police. The police presence in our neighborhood is minimal and defunding the police will make it almost nonexistent. While I agree with more training and policy changes I do not support defund the police and strongly urge you to vote against this measure. Thanks for your time volunteering in our community.
6/15/2020 12:49	Jackson Colavecchia	President Trump has claimed he will designate Antifa as a "terrorist organization", and he has explicitly stated support for killing terrorists' families. He has publicly characterized the media as the "enemy of the American people". Our police department used \$67 million to arrest 1,000 homeless people. Our police force shot at a man running 20 times, brutally killing him. The Salt Lake City community has been harassed, hurt, and killed by our police force, while the Police Association seeks to undermine civilian oversight and meaningfulreform. My question is about the culture of the Salt Lake City Police Department and it's implications. If Donald Trump ordered violent acts against innocent people, are you confident the militarized, armed, and force-prone SLCPD will stand with the Salt Lake City community and reject Trump's orders? If so, why? If not, what are you going to do to change that? If you do nothing and more violence is waged against our city and community, that is on your hands. You, right now, have the capacity and power to fundamentally alter the response to violent threats to our community.
6/15/2020 13:14	Anonymous Constituent	defund the police.

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6/15/2020 13:29	Kyra Augustus	Dear City Council, My name is Kyra Augustus and I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote. Sent from my iPhone
6/15/2020 13:29	Kaitlyn Honnold	Hi James, I am a voter in your district, and I am incredibly concerned with the City Council's intention to increase funding for the Salt Lake Police Department. I feel that this not only misses the solution like a band-aid over an amputation, but makes it clear that our City Council does not hear its constituents. I am once again emailing you to defund the Salt Lake PD and instead move those funds into resources for education, mental health, and clean air. By reprioritizing the funds, Salt Lake City WILL make a difference. Thank you and I look forward to tuning in to the next City Council meeting, Kaitlyn Honnold

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6/15/2020 13:31	Cameron Feigel	Hello Mr. Rogers, I?m writing as a Salt Lake City resident to ask you to defund the SLCPD. I have lived right across the street from the Capitol for several years now and have been involved in many different rallies and marches over the years. I have seen many attendees use their voices to bring awareness to issues that matter like gun violence against our children in schools, women?s equality and racial justice. I have seen my community help each other, support and check on each other, protect each other and uplift the voices of minorities. I bell've we can do so much more good for our community if we defund the police force and reallocate the enormous amount of money that is being proposed, to things that actually matter. We have been neglecting funding for our schools, affordable housing and healthcare, access to food for lower income families and the homeless. The money should go to those areas to create a safer and healthier city and not the police. ?Crime? is committed when the oppressed who have no other resources feel so desperate they take what they need when they can?t get it any other way. You can reduce this issue greatly when you provide your people with the help they actually need. We need to put the power of protecting the people back to the community. If you truly care about protecting your community, please understand that the police forces main goal is to make quick decisions whether or not someone is breaking the law. Their main focus is not the public safety. We have lost too many community members to police violence. Please defund the police. It is a broken system and we can do so much more good than what we?re doing now! Please do not I'vest in more body cams, tasers or police car technology as officers will shoot to kill regardless. *Continued 1/2*

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	Cameron Feigel	<p>*Continued 2/2* Please do not spend money on de escalation training as it is ineffective. Please do not hire any new officers this next year as our current officers aren't qualified or properly trained as is. Please do make at least a \$30 million budget cut. Please consider the safety of the poor, the minorities, those in need. They are suffering at the hands of the police more than we will ever know. They are literally dying from those who swore to protect them. Please help us. Defund SLCPD. If you are unsure of how we could ensure the safety of SLC residents, please consider checking out @DecarecerateUtah on Instagram. They are a local group of concerned and educated SLC residents who have compiled a great list of resources and ideas how we can protect our community while defunding the SLCPD. it's a great resource and I hope you take time to educate yourself on what your community members are asking of you. Thank you, Cameron Feigel District 1 Resident since 2012 Sent from my iPhone</p>
6/15/2020 13:40	Larry Spendlove	<p>I am absolutely opposed to any defunding, or diversion of funds, from the SLCPD. While I am totally against racism of any form, I have not seen evidence that there is any systemic racism in our city's police department. On the contrary, I have always found our police to be professional and helpful in every way. Defunding is the very worst thing that could be done in this instance. I recommend that we increase their funding, particularly for officers' salaries, to let them know how much we appreciate their great service.</p>
6/15/2020 13:29	Kaitlyn Hansen	<p>Hello, My name is Kaitlyn Hansen and I am a Resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because it's clear that the money could be better utilized in helping the communities gain better resources and more help. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in community needs such education, community centers, social service agencies, and mental health programs that drastically help our communities. Sincerely, Kaitlyn Hansen</p>

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6/15/2020 13:30	Kale Morse	Dear City Council, My name is Kale Morse and I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. We need less militarized police attacking innocent civilians for speaking up about the people the cops have murdered. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote.
6/15/2020 13:30	Kaitlyn Taylor	Dear Salt Lake City Council Members, I received word that the council met yesterday (June 11, 2020) to propose a new police budget. At first, I had hope that the Salt Lake City Council had listened to many of the demands and concerns of the Salt Lake City citizens in relation to decreasing the police budget. The budget that is being given to the police force can be used for so many different areas (education, homelessness, etc.) that can be handled by nonviolent people whom are more trained in education, drug counseling, and social work. However, instead of defunding the police, the council has decided to increase the proposed budget. I heard the council "discussed some changes to the Police Department budget that would increase transparency and allow additional time for further evaluation." However, this money will still be used for policing. So, I (and many others) demand 1. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology; 2. NO spending on de-escalation training; 3. NO new hires in the police department for the next year; and 4. \$30 million budget cut. Thank you for reading this and please consider making the necessary changes to make Salt Lake City a better, more comfortable place for people of color to live in. Sincerely, A Salt Lake City citizen

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6/15/2020 13:44	Anonymous Constituent	Why has the council responded to calls for the police to be defunded by increasing the police budget by over \$1 million dollars? This is unacceptable. With some of the worst school districts in the nation and rising homelessness, why is one of the largest expenditures in the budget on police? Police departments have shown that they cannot make up for the defunding of education, mental health services, and education. Instead, they murder and harrass people. Do not increase the police budget! Defund the police by at least \$30 million and reallocate it to community-building services.
6/15/2020 13:34	Karina Ellsworth	don't be stupid. Just because there are a few very vocal groups demanding you cut their budget. They're being emotional. don't buy into the emotion. Fact is we tried, as a nation, to cut education budgets and all that happened as a result was we ended up with lower quality teachers with less training, and worse outcomes. Why in the world would the outcome be any different for police? It would be the same. We would end up with worse outcomes, less trained officers, and lower quality officers. The outcome will be the same. don't be dumb. Ifreform is needed, money is necessary, you can't ask for better outcomes with less money. Seriously, listen to the people in the field, not the people who don't know what they're talking about. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BUelWqmSueQ Listen to this man, he actually makes some good points. Sincerely, A citizen who hasn't completely lost their mind.

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6/15/2020 13:35	Kassie Peterson	To whom it may concern, I am emailing about concerning news I have heard about the Salt Lake Police Department and their budget being cut. I feel as if this is a punitive action against the GREAT department and will NOT help them in the challenging times they have ahead of them. I STRONGLY support this department. I understand that reform is needed and policy changes are under way, but cutting budgets and finances are going to make these challenges significantly harder. I believe you will see a significant reduction in the great police force we now have, and you will struggle to rebuild that force. As a resident of the great state of Utah, I have always had pride in feeling safe in my own home. Hearing the news that cuts are under way for the Salt Lake City Police Department, I immediately felt fear and anxiety. This is the kind of panic that will be generated when people know there is nobody there to protect them in their time of need. I ask of all of you to think long and hard of how your vote will impact all residents, Salt Lake city specifically. For those who trust their police force to keep them safe and to have their backs, for those who depend on their representatives to make the right decisions for them. Not to make a decision to appease individuals. STAND behind these individuals that walk a VERY thin line and help them reform. Regards, Cassandra Peterson
6/15/2020 13:45	Kathryn Metro	Hello, My name is Kathryn Metro and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Kathryn Metro

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6/15/2020 13:43	Katherine Kain	<p>Dear Council Members and Mayor Mendenhall, I am disappointed that the Council is discussing increasing the police budget, especially after the City Council Meetings where most callers have demanded a decrease to the SLCPD proposed budget. We do not want an increased police budget. Body cameras do not save the lives of or even bring justice to Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal, Cody Belgard, or Patrick Harmon. Body cameras have not led to any accountability or justice. This money would be better spent towards methods that actually help communities. I understand that there is a proposed decrease for the education budget. The money should not go to the police department, but towards the education budget and towards housing opportunities. There have been thousands of demands to defund the police, do your job and listen to the people you represent!!</p> <p>Thank you, Katherine Kain</p>
6/15/2020 14:00	Kodi Frost	<p>Chris Wharton, I?m writing to you today to implore you- to demand that you stop ignoring what the people are asking, and immediately defund the SLC police, and instead put that money toward community building departments, like social work and mental health infrastructure. It has been shown again and again that policereform does not work. Utah is one of the most dangerous places in the United States to be black when it comes to interacting with the police. Is this what you are looking for? Is this what you?d like our home to be known for? Please consider what you are doing by increasing the police budget. Kodi Frost</p>
6/15/2020 13:45	Kathy Davis	<p>To whom it may concern: Please do not defund our police department. If there are funds that can be reallocated to help with social programs, I am all for that, but not at the expense of our officers. The police department needs to know we appreciate them and need them. They are not the enemies just because there are a few bad officers out there. Thank you, Kathy Davis Riverton Utah resident</p>
6/15/2020 13:47	Katlyn Perugini	<p>Defund the police does not mean add another million dollars to the police budget. It means to REDIRECT THE MONEY into programs that work. It means if your team is incapable of adjusting a budget for the SLC PD ? then we need a new team in City Council. Readjust the budget now to better equip our communities in need.</p> <p>Katlyn Perugini</p>

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6/15/2020 13:47	Katlyn Perugini	DEFUND THE POLICE I am pleading with you to deeply reflect on the historical role of racism that has wronged us to the point of where we are today and irreversibly shaped policing as an institution. I am pleading with you to delve into ideas about how we can address these injustices in our society. I am pleading with you to recognize the negative role that policing has played in the path toward justice. We are asking for a decrease in the budget to allow for l'vestments to be made Elsewhere. Please consider this and do what the people want. Do not l'vest more in cops. This is not an issue that can bereformed. Thanks Katlyn Perugini Sent from my iPhone
6/15/2020 13:56	Kevin Hanson	Darin Mano, I am a voting resident of Precinct 5 and I am writing to you about the City Council?s proposal to increase the budget of SLCPD. Giving the Police department a huge increase in funding at this moment seems a strange reaction to current events. Of particular concern to me is the money allocated to buying every officer a taser. Giving officers tasers in addition to guns is just providing another dangerous tool for brutalizing people. You?re not solving the problem of violence carried out by police you?re giving them a tool they can employ with less guilt and presumably less oversight. Tasers are not benign instruments. You?re not going to change the police department for the better buy buying them more junk. The stuff is part of the problem. All the stuff eventually get used. What most of us would like to see is accountability and leadership aimed at real change. We did see some great behavior by police in this country recently - In Camden, New Jersey the Police walked with protesters in their dress uniforms - In Flint Michigan when the protesters invited the Sheriff to join them and he did. The police are judged by their actions not by their gear. When you dress them up in tool belts and holsters you are building tension not deescalating tensions. When they arrive on the scene in armored military vehicles they look like an invading army not like people with your best interests in mind. You?ll not change the situation for the better by adding more stuff to the mix. - Kevin Hanson
6/15/2020 13:57	Kevin Murphy	Chris, I appreciate the logical approach you are taking with the demands to defund the police. I bell've policereform is healthy, especially if there is more citizen oversight. As a common citizen, let me know how I can help. Kevin Murphy

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6/15/2020 14:16	Lucy Lefgren	<p>I am a resident of Orem Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Lucy Lefgren</p>
6/15/2020 13:54	Daniel Thomas	<p>The dwellings at 1366 S Major St, have been officially closed by DNE orders for over a month now. Despite the DNE orders, the property manager continues to rent the properties and police refuse to enforce the orders. Neighboring homeowners, business owners, and Challenger School desperately seek enforcement because this property has been for decades and continues to be a major source of drug dealing, prostitution, and related crimes. Enforceing the DNE orders is a huge step in the right direction but we need your help to shut this operation down. Please help us!</p>

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6/15/2020 14:19	Madison Barker	Dear Councilwoman Valdemoros, My name is Maddie and I recently moved into your city council district. I am a student at the University of Utah currently studying political science. I wanted to get in touch with you regarding the SLPD budget decision. It is my understanding that the city council has decided not to support budget cuts and instead has decided on a budget increase. I am very disappointed with this decision and I was wondering if you could speak to your position on this issue and why the council has decided not to support budget cuts to the SLPD or at the very minimum a hiring freeze. I am sure you've received a lot of public input on this issue and I appreciate your time and all the hard work you do for the community. Thank you, Maddie
6/15/2020 13:58	Kira Booth	Dear City Council, My name is Kira Booth and I have lived in Salt Lake City my whole life. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousands, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department focused on education, mental health, and economic resources that can address crime at the root cause. A more just world is possible, and it starts with your vote.

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6/15/2020 14:02	Lacy Chun	Hello, My name is Lacey Chun. I am a resident of District 6. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Lacey Chun

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6/15/2020 14:20	Madison Moretti	<p>I am a resident of Northern Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,</p> <p>Madison Moretti</p>
6/15/2020 14:32	Matthew Nepute	<p>Councilwoman Valdemoros, I am a District 4 resident. I am displeased with the proposed changes to the police budget. We should not be spending more on ineffective methods of reducing police abuses such as body cameras, tasers, de-escalation training, etc. Nor should we be spending a dime on new police hires. These funds should be directed away from the police and instead I'vested in social services, mental healthcare, affordable housing, and other public projects that address the conditions that cause crime. Vote No on the the upcoming budget proposal to funnel more public money into the police department. Sincerely, Matt Matthew J. Nepute</p>

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6/15/2020 14:09	Lauren Martucci	Hello, My name is Lauren Martucci and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because money needs to be split fairly in order for other areas of the city to progress. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education, healthcare, and anything BUT the police. Sincerely, Lauren Martucci Sent from my iPhone
6/15/2020 14:09	Lauren Macklin	Hello, I am writing to you in regards to the recent decision of the City Council to increase the police budget. This feels like an incredibly inappropriate slap in the face to all of the lives marching to the tune of Black Lives Matter. Clearly, as we have seen, the disparities of distribution of budgeting HIGHLY favor the police force already. Adding more money to a budget that is not working is adding salt to this gaping wound, not to mention, this in a time when legislation is moving to cut Education budgets. PLEASE, we beg of you, this is NOT what the voices of your city are calling for at this time, this is not what they need. Please oppose this increase in budgeting. Money should be REMOVED from the police force and redirected to programs that will assist its citizens and build this community.. not contribute to the force that continues to harm, and as we have seen, murder those members. Respectfully, Lauren Macklin

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6/15/2020 14:08	Laurel Clayson	Council, I am resident of Salt Lake City. I am reaching out regarding the proposed police budget for the upcoming fiscal year. I have been following this issue closely and I bell've the Council has misunderstood the numerous citizen requests for a drastic reduction in the police budget. I know some of the ideas that have gained popularity lately might feel new and radical, but it is your responsibility to listen and consider what the people have to say. We demand change. We demand the police force is reduced. Last year, fully one quarter of the city's budget went to the police. Approximately the same proportion is proposed this year, despite the deaths of 60+ people at the hands of police in Utah since 2015. The changes to the police budget that the council proposed this week are not enough. It has been proven that body cams do not significantly change officer behavior, and deescalation training is only marginally helpful.reform has not significantly changed the way any police department operates nationwide. We demand defunding. I demand you reconsider the \$30 million cut to the police department that Decarcerate Utah and thousands of private citizens have already called for. I demand a hiring freeze on the police department and the immediate firing and prosecution of any police officer who has killed a civilian. I demand the funds removed from the police be reallocated to social services, including homeless shelters, public transit, rent relief, and our public schools. Please listen to the people. Sincerely, Laurel Clayson Salt Lake City resident
6/15/2020 14:45	Mel Sundquist	I'm incredibly disappointed at the city council's decision to increase the police budget in direct opposition to so much feedback from the community. I demand: -DECREASE the police budget by at least \$30 million and redirect those funds outside of the police department into education and community programs -institute a hiring freeze -no increased spending on body cams, tasers, or cars I personally am not a resident of your district but my young daughter lives there part time and I'm very concerned about her safety as an indigenous person. -Mel Sundquist

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6/15/2020 14:11	Lila Leatherman	<p>Hello, My name is Lila Leatherman, and I am a Salt Lake City resident of District 4. I am contacting you in regards to the 2020-2021 budget, to demand again that you re-allocate at least \$30 million away from the SLCPD, and toward public services like housing, public transit, and community initiatives. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new officers. I was disappointed to see the results of the city council meeting, which decided to increase the police budget to support body cameras, tasers, additional technology to police vehicles, de-escalation training, and victim advocates. There is no evidence that body cameras <https://www.pnas.org/content/116/21/10329.short?rss=1> reduce police violence. Adding additional technology and surveillance is not a way to keep our communities safe. Body cameras did not stop SLCPD from killing Bernardo Palacios. Particularly if it takes weeks of public demands to even obtain public release of body camera footage, as with Palacios, this allocation does not solve the root problem of violent police. Additionally, there is little conclusive evidence of any effect of de-escalation trainings <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/1745-9133.12467?casa_token=oklOnNfpb2QAAAAA%3A-TVOhhZBnNeqOUmujnR3bbOJw7p_yFTGLfjnzNXclnCcV3eroSfdeifb9kU4_vS37ZcEhj6yUPIzIHY> on police behavior. Increased funding in these areas does not solve the central problem: policing. Police are well-equipped for violence-- and not to meet the myriad and nuanced needs of community members experiencing mental health crises, homelessness, substance abuse issues, or other challenges that do not inherently require being met with force. Salt Lake should reduce funding to the police, reduce the volume of military weapons distributed to the police <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2053168017712885> , and I'vest in community support organizations <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0003122417736289> like our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers. Sincerely, Lila Leatherman</p>

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6/15/2020 14:28	Mary Toscano	Dear Representative Valdemoros, I?m writing today to address my deep concerns about the proposed budget increase for the Salt Lake City Police Department in the coming year. I understand the City Council has proposed an increase to the budget to allow for body cameras and tasers for every officer, new technology for police vehicles, enhanced de-escalation training, and money to hire victim advocates. I truly bell've this is the wrong tactic to address the racist culture at the core of the police department. Giving more money and resources to an organization designed to perpetuate racist policy is more of the same dysfunction. Body cameras and tasers have proved ineffective to reduce police violence, and ineffective to bring about justice for people murdered and brutalized by the police. The body camera footage of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal's violent murder has not resulted in the firing, arrest, and prosecution of the Salt Lake City police officers who murdered him. Giving the police additional funds only serves to protect the police department by allowing them more autonomy and resources. More money to the police has never and will never make them accountable to the communities that fund them. I understand that it may be difficult to be the persons who have to make this decision, and I understand that you may see this as a first step towards a more equitable and functional police force. But it is a step backwards. You can use the \$2.8 million held from the police budget to rel'vest in affordable housing or mental health resources for people experiencing homelessness. You could use that money to provide Salt Lake's teachers with the necessary training and tools to incorporate education on racism in our country into their curriculum. You have a chance to be part of radical change towards racial equality in our city. Defund the police today, and we have a fighting chance to abolish this racist institution in the future. Thank you, Mary Toscano Salt Lake City resident, District 4
6/15/2020 14:11	Linda Ashinhurst	The clowncil ought to be giving the police officers a raise for having to put up with all this crap instead of budget cutting. How stupid are you people? Law enforcement put their lives on the line each and every day. What happened to respecting the rule of law, respecting others and their property. If you don't have law and order, you have nothing. I don't understand why BLM aren?t protesting down at Planned Parenthood. What a bunch of hypocrit's. Sent from my iPhone

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6/15/2020 14:25	Marielle MUA	I once again am asking as a constituent to defund the police budget and redistribute the funds towards social workers to better respond to cases that require mental health services or de escalation etc. There is no point in using 32 million to fund a program that we have already witnessed doesnt work. Police are not trained to as assess the situation and use better judgement but rather use violence which is what they are trained for. We have proof that body cams (especially when they arent required to be on at all times 😞😞)dont work. That money would be irresponsibly used if we continue trying things we know dont work. Use that money to actually directly help the community and do the right thing. We are all aware and watching how situations are being handled.
6/15/2020 14:15	Lizzy Ungerman	I am a resident of Salt Lake. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although the City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Lizzy Ungerman

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6/15/2020 14:23	Mara Amsden-Ramberg	Hello Representative Rogers, My name is Mara Amsden-Ramberg, I am a Salt Lake City district 1 resident and worker. I am happy to hear the council express that this is the beginning of the conversation about the place of the police in our community. But I do not agree that spending \$780,000 to put cameras on every SLCPD officer and the technology to make sure they are actually turned on will help solve the problems within our police department. I bell've this money would be much better used for funding community services. I bell've community members and services should respond to community problems. This is important to me because we are severely lacking the education and health programs we need to respond to community problems in a more effective way. The funds going towards the police can be reallocated to these programs who are grossly underfunded. These are millions of dollars we are talking about here, why is so important that the police have all this money when it is needed way more for community health and education that actually keep people much safer. Please take the time to seriously reflect on what we are doing to support the people in our community that need it the most. I know that we can do better than this, Salt Lake City has a lot of work to do but we are in this together. Thank you for your time, Mara Amsden-Ramberg Sent from my iPhone

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6/15/2020 14:30	Richa Zodge	<p>My name is Richa Zodge and I am a voter and resident in Sandy, Utah. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 proposed police budget. I do not agree with the SLC Council's allocation of funds towards the police department. In response to widespread police brutality and violence, most notably that of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, SLC needs to make drastic changes to the police department. Although I appreciate the council's attempts at increasing transparency within the police department, you must understand police brutality is a result of systemic issues such as racism and income inequality. Instead of increasing funds for the police department, the SLC council should begin the process of defunding the police. To defund the police does not translate to a complete abolition of an organized police force. Instead, defund the police means a reallocation of funds away from the police department and towards community uplift programs. Simply put, our police force is untrained and unequipped to handle the majority of the issues in our society. For example, cops respond to calls about the homeless population, the mentally ill, mismanaged schools, drug overdoses, and much more. However, many of these problems are a result of systemic issues. As opposed to widespread criminalization of the individuals, SLC should focus on expanding mental health resources through treatment/facilities and aiding the homeless population through shelters and expanded health care. In the past 40 years, police jurisdiction had expanded dramatically, especially in poorer communities and communities of color. Police presence in these communities is intimidating, and it does not solve the root cause of systemic issues such as racial and economic disparities. Policereform does not work. Police brutality is still a major issues across the country, even with de-escalation training programs in place. De-escalation training costs millions of dollars every year. In the proposed budget for 2020-2021, Salt Lake wants to add \$322,000 to the budget for de-escalation training. While it is important for cops to learn to handle situations rather than response to them with violence, the issue boils down to racial profiling and implicit biases.</p> <p>*Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Richa Zodge	<p>*Continued 2/2* For instance, in past years Minneapolis embodied progressive policereform. However, their efforts were very obviously ineffective, demonstrating how in simply 840 hours, the state cannot guarantee effective bias training and anger management. Here in Utah, 1.6% of our population is Black and 13% of our population is Latinx. Between January 2013 and December 2019, the Utah police reported (key word reported) 82 people were killed by the police. Of the 82 people killed, 9.76% were Black, in a state where only 1.6% of our population is Black. Of the 82 people killed, 15.9% were Latinx, in a state where only 13% of our population is Latinx. In Utah, Black and Hispanic people are disproportionately murdered and incarcerated. As of right now, public institutions are being defunded, such as schools, hospitals, and libraries, especially in poorer communities. Instead of l'vesting in dissolving infrastructure, police are introduced into these communities as a bandaid solution to try and fix every, single issue. By redirecting the funds to failing infrastructure and low income communities, the goal is to reduce the wealth gap and make our society racially equal. So, I am asking you, my District Representative, do not increase the Police Budget, but rather consider decreasing it and reallocating those funds to our communities. We must halt spending on body cameras, police car technology, and de-escalation training, given that these programs have NOT successfully decreased police violence anywhere. Additionally, no new hires within the police department for the next year, as every additional member requires a salary. I also urge you to cut the budget by an additional \$30 million, and reallocate these funds accordingly. Please reach out to grassroots organizations such as ?Defund the Police? and ?Utah Against Police Brutality? to learn more about effective solutions. Thank you, Richa Zodge</p>

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6/15/2020 14:27	Markell Kolendrianos	<p>To the Council Members and the Mayor, I am a resident of District 7. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Markell Kolendrianos</p>

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6/15/2020 14:17	Madelyn Pettingill	<p>Hello! My name is Madelyn, I work in Salt Lake City and I'm emailing today in regards to the 2020-2021 Financial year proposed budget. I sent an email a few days ago in regards to dramatically reducing the police budget for the upcoming financial year, and it's my understanding that the current proposed budget moves funds from the departmental budget, but is still ultimately spent on policing. I'm disappointed to hear this, as it is NOT in line with the demands that myself, as well as many of my friends and loved ones who live and work in Salt Lake City are making in an effort to increase safety and create better community systems and social support. I would like to insist that for this year's budget we see: NO spending on body cameras, teasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the duration of the fiscal year. I see and appreciate the intention in these specific areas, and making this more transparent. However, the policing system we have now is one in which when the only tool you have is a hammer, every problem looks like a nail. Ultimately, pouring more money into the police departments (even when specifically directed into things like de-escalation training) only exacerbates the problem - - giving more strength to the "hammer" rather than adding additional tools to be used as options. As before, I still would like to see the council make at least a \$30 million cut to the police budget and see those funds directed ENTIRELY OUTSIDE of the police department. Specifically, I would like to see this money go toward public transportation, libraries, and housing aid programs. Thank you for your time, I hope we can all continue to work towards building a better city together. ~Madelyn Pettingill</p>

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6/15/2020 14:18	Madi Cooper	Dear Representative Fowler, My name is Madison Cooper and I am a resident of Salt Lake City District 7. I was glad to hear the council express that this was just the beginning of the conversation about the place of police in our community. But I do not agree that spending \$780,000 to put cameras on every SLCPD officer and the technology to make sure they are actually turned on will help solve the problems within our police department. I bell've this money would be much better used for funding community services. I am also very glad that you want to re-examine the role of police in our community. I bell've that community members and services should respond to community problems. This is important to me because nobody should be afraid of the police, who are supposed to "protect and serve." Nobody in our community should fear for their life when they are pulled over for a broken taillight. Nobody should experience losing a loved one at the hands of the police - whether or not they committed a crime. These things are unacceptable in general and they are unacceptable in our community. I hope you instead I'vest the \$2.8 million that will be held from the police budget and the \$780,000 for the body cameras in services that will uplift our community. We have a very large homeless population that could benefit from this money. Our education system can benefit from this money. Social services that HELP our community should be the priority, not building up a department that already has more than enough allotted to them. Thank you for your time and I hope that you have a great weekend, Madison Cooper
6/15/2020 14:30	Masen Christensen	Andrew, Thank you for your response! I understand that other decisions are made at the county and state levels. I only ask for your help where you have control at the city level. Maybe consider using the funds freed up by reducing our \$90 Million police budget to help with those health and housing issues you mentioned. Thanks again, - Masen

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6/15/2020 14:18	Danielle Ravy	<p>Dear Mayor and City Council, My name is Danielle and I work for the Salt Lake City Police Department/Community Connection Center. I have had about 3 ½ years? experience working here with some amazing police officers. Initially, working with officers was a little intimidating. After getting to know them, it was easy to see that they are human, just like you and I. And just like you and I, they are imperfect. They make mistakes and they have unconscious bias just like the rest of us. This bias does not make us bad people. It means that we have room to learn and grow. I bell've biasness has many forms, and the current bias on the spotlight is how awful the police are. It is how they are all racist and intend to harm the community. Putting police officers under the spotlight, we are bound to find imperfections. But before we decide to be critical of any officers actions, let?s make sure that we understand police procedure. Let?s make sure that we get the whole story and not make snap judgements off of a 10 second clip that the news showed. Please take time to put yourself in an officers shoes. Please take time to see what tactics they are trained in. I urge you to go for a ride along with any of our officers or sit in on a training. Our officers have one of the most dangerous jobs in our society and they need our support. I am not trying in any way to discount the support that the black or minority community need right now in any way. I am myself biracial. I have seen first hand a lifetime of bigotry and hatefulness. I certainly love the support and togetherness that the nation is feeling right now despite its origin. We can support Black Lives Matter and our law enforcement. We do not and should not have to choose between them. Systematic racism runs deep and police are often the scapegoats. *Continued</p> <p>1/2*</p>

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	Danielle Ravy	<p>*Continued 2/2* They do not create laws, they enforce them. They are not the judge and jury. Uplifting the minority community is more than improving law enforcement. It is creating laws that are not intended to harm minority communities. It is not having unjustly long jail/ prison sentences that solely focus on punishment and not rehabilitation. It is supporting single mothers, affordable child care, fair wages, affordable education and housing, and affirmative action. I know that you all have a very difficult job of making decisions for the betterment of Salt Lake City. I hope that we all can enlighten ourselves to the perceptions of others in order to help build understanding and equality for all. This email expresses my personal opinions and does not represent those of the department. Thank you so much for your time and devotion to the city. Danielle Ravy</p>
6/15/2020 14:21	Maeve Wall	<p>Dear Amy, I am a Sugar House resident and doctoral student at the U. I was so inspired by the comments at the past few city council meetings, where hundreds of citizens demanded that SLC begin the process of defunding the police and instead I'veesting in social services and education. Thus, I am shocked that despite such clear I'vestment from the community, the city council is still planning on maintaining the proposed police budget. This is unconscionable. We have seen other cities like Minneapolis, Camden, and Portland willing to boldly take a stand against police murders by cutting their budget and distributing that money to much needed mental health and other social services. Please don't allow politics, fear, or inadequate information to prohibit you from doing what is right and what will move our city forward. Choose to be on the right side of history. Thank you, Maeve Wall</p>

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6/15/2020 14:22	Mandy Williams	Hello, I live in district 5 and am deeply concerned about police brutality in our city and around the county. I understand that in the recent budget meeting, calls to defund the police were instead met with proposals to change how some money is being spent. I do not want to see any additional equipment being purchased for police, nor do I bell've spending money on de-escalation training is a worthwhile l'vestment. Please take the People's calls to defund the police seriously. I don't have all the answers, but I feel strongly that doubling down on our current approach is the wrong thing to do. I want to see the police demilitarized, and more funding going towards social services designed to provide non-violent solutions to conflicts in our community. Thank you for your time. Mandy Williams

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6/15/2020 14:26	Andrew Earley	<p>Hi Ana, My name is Andrew Earley, I'm the owner of a local restaurant called Mark of the Beastro in downtown salt lake city, and a resident in the marmalade district. I have lived in utah my entire life and in salt lake for two decades. I love our city and the wonderful people and places we have here, but i am absolutely disgusted by the recent acts of the local police, and further upset by the officials supporting and reinforcing those actions with meaningless reform. We have tried multiple times to add body cams, increase training for officers, and a myriad of other transparency practices, but still Salt lake has a horrible problem with police violence. We still have the worst rate of black deaths by police officers per capita in the country. IN THE COUNTRY!!! and we reward these horrific statistics by allocating MORE money to the police department that already makes up over a quarter of our annual budget!? that is absolutely not okay. I'm writing you to demand accountability for our broken police force, and to see that accountability in the tangible form of reducing the police budget. I'm writing to specifically ask for 30 million dollars of the police budget be cut, and allocated to community resources that will protect our communities not harm them with impunity. I'm writing to demand that the budget not go to de-escalation training and body cams and other reforms that have proven themselves ineffective, and instead that money go to social services. I'm writing to demand that the hiring freeze be continued, and no new money spent on police department hires. I'm writing to hold Chief Mike Brown accountable for his outright lies about the officer in the patrol car that was burned. there's overwhelming video evidence that the car was empty and he needs to be held accountable for lying to the public. I'm also writing to demand that the officers involved in the shooting of Bernardo Palacios be held accountable for their involvement, and that normalizing shooting a suspect in the back as they flee over 20 times ends. The officers were not in danger and that is extrajudicial murder. Thank you for your time. Andrew Earley</p>

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6/15/2020 14:24	Margaux Klingensmith	<p>Hello Representative Valdemoros, My name is Margaux Klingensmith and I am writing to you as anessential worker and resident of Salt Lake City, UT in District 4. As someone who is represented by your voice in the city council, as well as voted for you in the past local election I am extremely disappointed in the blatant lack of disregard for your constituents voices in the recent discussions of the SLC 2020-2021 proposed budget. I, along with many others, wrote and called in opposing the proposed budget of ~\$85,000,000 to the SLPD. I still support at least a 30% reduction in this proposed budget and a hiring freeze for the SLPD. I request that the funds be allocated instead towards public programs such as affordable housing initiatives, shelters, public transportation, and community programs which support BIPOC communities rather than criminalizing them. I oppose the solutions proposed by the SLC council to citizens concerns about the police budget. A 1.4 million increase for body cams and de-escalation training are NOT what your citizens are asking for, in fact it is the exact opposite. As we have seen over and over, the murder of black people and people of color by police does not stop when there is a video involved, as we have seen in the murder of George Floyd, Bernardo Palacios in our city, and countless others. De-escalation and other policereform training also have little to no evidence of creating effective change when implemented. Please refer to the Engel, McManus, and Herold paper in Criminology and Public Policy entitled Does de-escalation training work? Which shows the lack of evidence that de-escalation training is effective, despite it being the widespread band-aid for police agencies when the public calls for an end to police brutality. I ask that any additional funding that is proposed for victim advocates, social workers, etc. is done so not through the police department, but through an entirely separate public program. You have proposed a band-aid for a gaping wound. I hope that before you approve this budget you will reconsider supporting a 30% decrease to the SLPD Budget, a hiring freeze for new police officers, and a budget increase for public programs such as housing, transportation, and social services which will helps the citizens of this city rather than criminalizing them. Thank you for your time. Margaux Klingensmith Disrtict 4 Resident, SLC</p>

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6/15/2020 14:35	Susan Finlayson	Dear Dan, My name is Susan and I live in your district! My husband Elliott and I got to meet you last fall when you were knocking doors. We were very happy to meet you, and also make the connection you have with SL Indivisible, which is a group we volunteer with quite a bit as well! I wanted to reach out to express my support for City budget adjustments that will redirect funding for police into other resources that protect and I'vest in communities of color in our city. My understanding is that the last conversation the Council had was to increase the police budget, rather than redirect resources. I feel that this sends the wrong message and sets the wrong priorities at a time when black people in Utah are more disproportionately killed by police than any other state (1.06% of the population but 10% of police killings over the past 7 years). When I watched the footage of local police shooting Bernardo Palacios on May 23, it brought home to me that big changes need to happen, not just nationally but locally. I hope the Council will lead on this urgent issue, and direct funding away from policing and into better ways to protect and I'vest in communities of color. Thanks for all you are doing and your work for the City during this challenging time! Best regards, Susan Finlayson
6/15/2020 14:31	Rebecca Nay	Please restructure the Salt Lake City police department so they can focus strictly on public safety. Allocate less resources to police and more resources to housing, employment, domestic violence, addiction and other mental health services. Thank You. Rebecca Nay
6/15/2020 14:40	Stacey Rabiger	I am writing to urge you to vote NO to increasing the budget of the Police. We need real change in our community. That is why we must stop I'vesting in police and incarceration and instead intentionally I'vest in alternative models that are centered in community and address the root causes of harm, in addition to making greater I'vestments in schools, health care and other human needs that keep our communities safe. Thank you, Stacey Rabiger Sent from my iPhone -- Dance like it hurts. Love like you need money. Work when people are watching.

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6/15/2020 14:34	Solana Cordova	Hello, My name is Solana Cordova and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in our community and people that are in need. Sincerely, Solana Cordova
6/15/2020 14:58	Sydney Cutler	I DEMAND NO spending on body cam, tasers or police car technology. NO new hires in the police department for the next year. WE NEED \$30 million budget cut redirecting to community building services outside of the police department. DEFUND the police. DONT increase spending on the police. WE DESERVE BETTER Sincerely, Sydney Cutler
6/15/2020 15:02	shaun moses	Dear All, I am a resident of Sandy, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police now. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time and consideration, Shaun M. Moses

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6/15/2020 14:36	Megan Marchant	Mr. Dugan, I am a student at the University of Utah and one of your constituents. I'm sure that I am only one of the hundreds of people emailing you on the issue of the percentage of the Salt Lake City budget apportioned to the police department for this next fiscal year. As I understand it, despite the calls from the people the council serves to redistribute a significant amount of the SLCPD's budget into community services, the city council has instead decided to give the police department hundreds of thousands of dollars. While I understand that this addition is well-intended and is meant to increase transparency and accountability within the department, I strongly disagree with the decision to give the police any additional funding. A truly astonishing amount of the city's budget is already given to them despite the serious issues faced by our community every day. This money could be put toward affordable housing, homeless shelters and assistance, or the city's schools which, as I am sure you know, don't receive nearly enough funding. There are so many valuable community resources and assets that could benefit from the money that is currently given instead to the SLCPD, as well as the additional funds being voted on. I urge you to reconsider your stance on this issue before Tuesday's meeting. Thank you, Megan Marchant

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6/15/2020 14:46	Seva Haug-Baltzell	<p>Dear Chris Wharton and the city council, My name is Seva and I am a resident of district 7 and I work as a nurse within the district as well. I am writing today to implore you to change the budget this upcoming Tuesday <x-apple-data-detectors://1> . The proposed spending in the police department including \$780,000 for body cams, is an insult to the citizens of this city. Increasing the police budget will do nothing to solve the deeply rooted systemic racism and inequality within the police department and our legal system. Body cameras did not stop the officers from brutally executing Bernardo Palacios. Cameras did not stop the officers in Minneapolis from murdering George Floyd. I demand the following for the proposed budget this Tuesday <x-apple-data-detectors://3> : 1. NO spending on body cameras, tasers or police technology 2. NO spending on de-escalation training 3. NO new police hiring 4. A 30 million dollar budget cut redirecting to the community</p> <p>The money taken from the police department should be used for community building services such as social workers, crisis staff, women?s shelters, counselors, planned parenthood, therapists, safe injection sit's, rehab, community outreach, night classes and affordable healthcare. By funding these types of programs as opposed to wasting billions of dollars on the police department, we can actually begin to address the root of our city's problems and truly solve them as opposed to facing them with police brutality and racial inequality. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Seva Haug-Baltzell</p>
6/15/2020 14:37	Ryeleigh McCready	<p>Hi, Mr. Mano, My name is Ryeleigh McCready and I?m a resident of district 4. I?m emailing about some potential amendments to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I wanted to express my frustration about the proposed addition of funds given to the SLCPD'so that they can receive more body cams, tasers, and in loose terms ?tech.? These are proven to not be effective in stopping police brutality, like we have seen with the murder of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal. I demand that this money not be added to the already egregious \$84 million SLCP budget. To end police brutality steps and actions must be taken, but it is clear additional funds is not the answer. Listen to you constituents and protect the lives of the people of Utah by not adding additional funds.</p> <p>Thank you for your time, Ryeleigh McCready</p>

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6/15/2020 14:53	Shaun Matthews	Dear City Council, My name is Shaun Matthews and I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote.
6/15/2020 14:40	Shanalee Saunders	Dear SLC Council Members, As a resident of Salt Lake City (Sandy), I was distressed to learn that the SLC Council is considering an action to defund the police. This would be a colossal mistake, and an action I bell've the overwhelming majority of SLC residents would oppose. If anything, our police need increased funding to address PTSD, to provide satisfactory riot gear, and perhaps even hazard pay when officers are placed in a riot type situation where their lives are endangered. When rioters are wielding weapons, throwing incendiary devices, overturning police vehicles, and displaying other such violence and lawlessness it becomes akin to a combat zone. I don't know anyone who is okay with racism, abuse of power, or corruption. Defunding the police addresses none of those concerns. it's my position that the unintended consequences of such an action would only exacerbate current problems while creating others. An illogical and emotional reaction from our elected representatives is the last thing we need. I will encourage my friends and neighbors to contact you as well. It is my hope that you will listen to all of your constituents - not just the ones who are loudly protesting and rioting. Sincerely, Shanalee Saunders

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6/15/2020 14:44	Megan Wall	June 13th, 2020 Dear Council Member Wharton, My name is Megan Wall, and I am a constituent of yours and a recent graduate of the University of Utah's College of Social Work. It has come to my attention that the Salt Lake City Council may vote Tuesday on the proposed 2020-2021 budget increase of \$1,344,394 to the police budget. While I agree with your comments that "there's no magic \$30 million budget cut", voting to increase the budget in this way is a disastrous move. It will ultimately only further the divide, fuel the public's mistrust, and move us further away from real, effective change. I ask that you do not slap a band aid on a gaping wound that has been festering for centuries. Not only does this budget increase send the message that you are not listening to the community, but it makes your call for "increased transparency" completely disingenuous. This budget increase would reinforce the status quo. And if the status quo includes the consistent and unprosecuted murder of Black and Brown people ? you will continue to see public mistrust in the police, the government, and you. True transparency lies in greater community oversight of the police. Police are investigating themselves and finding themselves innocent. I spent the Fall semester of 2019 studying the Salt Lake Civilian Police Accountability Council (SLCPAC) in my policy class. I learned of the anti-democratic House Bill 415's passage that robbed the public of creating meaningful dialogue surrounding community oversight of police. And indeed, I heard the audio of Representative Paul Ray condemning local community groups pushing for accountability as "anti-law enforcement" on record, on the senate floor (March 11th, 2019). I understand the immense pressure from the public to do something- anything- to make this better. *Continued 1/2*
	Megan Wall	* Continued 2/2* But by voting yes on Tuesday, you would be perpetuating a system that is actively oppressing communities of color despite your good intentions. As a citizen of Salt Lake City and a constituent of District 3, I demand that the council: 1. Calls for the repeal of House Bill 415. 2. Invests in community police review boards (with the autonomy and power to discipline officers and departments). 3. Reallocates money from the police budget to community services. 4. Maintains a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Your community needs you to vote NO on the budget increase. Thank you for your time. Megan Wall

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6/15/2020 14:45	Mel Martinez	Darin Mano, I'm a 16 year resident of district 5. I support defunding the police and here is the message I just sent to the mayor. The decision to ignore the public's demands for a plan to del'vest in the SLCPD and instead increase funding is ABSOLUTELY APPALLING AND OFFENSIVE. You represent us, the people of Salt Lake. You work for us. That is our money! I know our demands were clear. And so was your power play by beyond ignoring them. But here they are again. I DEMAND - NO SPENDING ON POLICE TECHNOLOGY OF ANY KIND! NO NEW SLCPD HIRES! CUTS (YES, CUTS) TO THE BUDGET! THAT YOU AND THE COUNCIL WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY TO CREATE A DEI'veSTMENT PLAN! JUSTICE FOR BERNARDO PALACIOS CARBAJAL! I truly can't express my disbelief with your offices decision. Mel Martinez Sent from ProtonMail mobile
6/15/2020 14:50	Melissa Kroe	My name is Melissa and I am writing to implore you to defund your overinflated and corrupt police department and, for once, fund your people. The only correlation that comes with increased police budgets and police presence is increased police brutality. Now that the people are speaking up and being heard, you are probably realizing that this country fears the very people who are undertrained and overpaid to ?protect? them. You inflate the police department?s budget so as to militarize your police when a mere fraction of crime is violent. Have you considered preventing crime? Or, at the very least, using the ridiculous amount of money you set aside for guns on housing, education, or mental health resources instead? It has become blatantly clear that police departments as we know them are unjust and beyond saving. it's time you stand on the right side of history and devote not a cent more to racist cops. Your people do not feel safer with more cops on the streets. For once, listen to those you serve and fund the resources that allow your underprivileged people and people of color to thrive. No morereform. No more lives can be lost. Fund your people and allow them the same opportunities as their fellow man. It is your moral obligation to do so. Best, Melissa Kroe

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6/15/2020 14:46	Melissa Huizar	<p>I am a resident of Taylorsville. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,</p> <p>Melissa Huizar</p>

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6/15/2020 14:49	Melinda Aguilar	Dear City Council, My name is Melinda Aguilar and I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote. Thank you, Melinda

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6/15/2020 14:47	Sophia Estrada	<p>Hello My name is Sophia Estrada! and I am emailing you in the regards of the possible funding of the police in our home communities. As a teen, who is unable to vote and often feels impotent in politics I expect YOU to listen to the concerns of your community in relation to the current events involving the police and the brutal acts they inflict on many minorities. You were elected to enact positive changes in your community's and I will hold you to nothing less than that. The importance of defunding the police can cost LIVES OF PEOPLE THROUGHOUT UTAH! I demand that you don't pass the ?more transparency? funding of the police. IF you pass this, I beg that you take money from funding the use of firearms, this including buying an abundance of bullets and making firarms wildly acceptable and accessible. PASS THINGS THAT PREVENT OFFICERS FROM MAKING MY GENERATION SCARED TO CALL 911. Fund extensive background checks of upcoming officers. Fund acts that make officers petrified to touch their guns for any other reason than obvious self defense. Fund laws that ruin horrible cops lives. I shouldn't feel scared for being born brown. I shouldn't be scared to ask for help. I shouldn't cry when a cop tries to talk to me. I shouldn't have to see a video of a person dying for the officer who did it to be charged with murder. I shouldn't have to protest for the human rights of my neighbors, friends, brothers and sister. Please do your job as an elected member of my community and prevent these heinous crimes from happening. I scared to be me and no one should ever feel so small. DO NOT TAKE AWAY FROM EDUCATIVE FUNDS ROAD FUNDS ANY OTHER COMMUNITY FUNDS TO FURTHER FUND THE CURRENT STATE OF THE CORRUPT POLICE FORCES</p>
6/15/2020 14:51	Breanna Lay	<p>The Salt Lake City Police Department does not deserve to be defunded. Salt Lake City police officers did nothing wrong. The action of one Minnesota officer should not punish the funding of our Salt Lake officers. Taking money away from their budget doesn't seem logical. Why are we trying to take funds away from our police officers... the ones who sacrifice their own lives every time they go into work, the ones who help protect our community? By cutting the budget, that shows we don't care about our officers. That seems so corrupt. Who are you personally going to call in the middle of the night to come save you if someone breaks into your house and has you at gunpoint? The police! They've done their best handling the downtown riots as best as they can. The Salt Lake Police Department should not be defunded.</p>

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6/15/2020 14:51	Anonymous Constituent	The police Budget is far too high. Crime prevention is just as important, if not much more, than crime punishment. the money would be better l'vested in the city, schools, and social programs. Defund the police and funnel the money into helping people, not just jailing them.
6/15/2020 14:59	Samantha Paige	<p>I am a resident of Holladay, Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,</p> <p>Samantha Duzy</p>

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6/15/2020 14:57	Rio Connelly	<p>Dear Mayor Mendenhall and Council Member Valdemoros, Below are my sincere words, not a form letter, and I urge you to read it. I am a resident of District 4 in Salt Lake City, where I also own a business, and I voted for both of you. I just heard that the City Council is moving ahead with increasing funding to the police department and I want to say I am shocked. I bell'ved that, in voting for you both, I was making a positive move to change our community for the better. I am sorry to say I no longer bell've that. We should be defunding the police department, not increasing its resources. This is not only an opinion based on recent events, but one based solidly in research and data, which show, conclusively, that policing is not only dangerous to our citizenry (especially those who are not white), but that it's bad policy. Policing in its current form lowers average health, destroys economic value, and violates the fundamental human rights of the people it's theoretically intended to protect. The money you have already allocated and the proposed increase (of over \$1.3 million) could be better spent on so many different programs. This lapse in judgment on the Council's part, as well as the recent atrocious behavior by the Mayor in the handling of the case of Bernardo Palacios and during the recent protests leads me to the conclusion that neither of you are interested in creating the type of the community I want to live in and be a part of. If I could take back my votes for both of you, I would. I would rather not vote, than be a party to this. I urge you to carefully consider your actions, look in your hearts and change your decisions. There is still time. I'm sure you got into politics to make a difference, so do it. Now. *Continued 1/2*</p>

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		<p>*Continued 2/2* Make a real change for the better and defund the police department. Below is a message from an advocacy group promoting defunding police, and I wholeheartedly endorse it. But the above words are solely mine. Do better for me and for all your constituents, now, when we need it most. Yours most sincerely, -Riordan Connelly I am a resident of District 4 in Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.</p>

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6/15/2020 15:03	Rachel Brady	<p>I do not live in Salt Lake City, Nor do I think most the protesters or the people wanting the defunding to happen do, but I frequently visit, take my students on field trips, Dining, shopping, worshiping, educational opportunities and several other reasons to visit your city. I have never encountered a rude, disrespectful or even impatient officer. My students are of very different demographics from a Title one West Valley School. On our field trips we have encountered several officers always waving, and engaging the children, often bombarded with question after question, they are always willing to answer. These kids look to officers as HEROES, as someone to look up to, even when they see a cop car of motorcycle they are in awe.. they see them as a source of safety, someone they can rely on. When we have ?what I want to be when I grow up? 70% of 1st grade want to be police officers and firemen. it's a special thing to see children have dreams and see their Hero?s in public doing their jobs. I?m a victim of domestic violence myself and I couldn?t imagine dealing with my situation this last year with my Taylorsville (Unified police department) responding, clearing my house, consoling my children and giving me the resources I needed to get the assistance I needed. With domestic violence rising I can?t imagine calling for help and help not coming. If you defund them or disband them, it will hurt the community. Give them more funding to get training get education, don't leave a mother without help, and a child without their mother. don't leave children with no heroes to look up to. Give them more powerful and educated heroes, so when they do grow up and pursue their careers they have more amazing examples. I love Salt Lake City, I love the people and the police, they too have families that want them to come home to them alive. Please remember the the children watching, the mother seeking help, the people from all over the world that come to visit your beautiful and unique city and your community when making this decision. Thank you for reading Rachel Brady Sent from my iPhone</p>

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6/15/2020 15:01	Starrlyn Bower	Hello all, My name is Starrlyn, I am a Salt Lake City resident and am writing to you all in regards to the police budget. I would like to begin with the statement that I am incredibly disappointed to hear that you are all ignoring your constituents request to decrease the police budget and are infact, increasing it. People are protesting peacefully on the streets demanding justice within this broken system. The action being taken has been proven to do the opposite. Police turn off their body cameras, police unions over turn police to prevent violence training and do as they please. It is proven that communities who instead, I'vest in their education systems, their housing systems, and various other projects are shown to have a lower rate of crime. I am not here to ask. I am here as a SLC resident, employee and voter to demand that we decrease police spending, I'vest in strengthening our community, and explore alternative public protection resources to disband the corrupt police system entirely. Help us to make SLC and the world a less systematically violent place. Thank you, Starrlyn Bower
6/15/2020 15:38	Naresh Kumar	Hi James, As a resident of your district, I wanted to let you know that I oppose the SLC Council's intention of increasing spending on body cams that can be turned off, tasers that are not used, and car technology that police don't need. Without accountability, we cannot spend our way out of these problems. Proposed training for police officers in de-escalation seems to be well-intentioned, but that training has not yielded intended results. RAND has reported that these staff training programs do not reduce violent incidents. On the contrary, they can lead to short-term increases in reports of violent or aggressive incidents. Would you agree this is not something we need right now? There needs to be a hiring freeze while the police department re-structures and allocates the budget to accomodate a reduction in spending on traditional policing and a reallocation of those funds to public safety programs in the community, including re-assigning extracurricular police duties (such as interaction with the homeless and mentally ill) to trained professionals who could be redeployed and retrained police officers. There need to be stronger accountability measures that work and the community must have majority power to censure misconduct by police officers. Please take these comments into consideration as you move forward with representing me and other residents in your district. Thank you, Naresh Kumar, MPH

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6/15/2020 16:40	Tatiana Christian	Hello, I just read about the bullshit meeting you had to completely ignore hundreds of citizens BUT ALSO HISTORY. Only someone who doesn't know history would think the police need more transparency. This is utterly disgusting on every level. The city council should absolutely be disbanded. You don't care about citizens. You don't care about Black people. You absolutely don't give a single solitary fuck about People's concerns. You didn't hear anything we said. You are ignoring the protests. You are ignoring everything we demanded. You are disgusting. You don't deserve to decide how the city is supported. The police don't deserve to exist. And we sat on the phone, and sent all those emails for fucking nothing. What a fucking disgrace. What a fucking joke. Disband the police. Take their money away. Y'all don't give a shit about Black people.
6/15/2020 15:28	Nicole Stagg	it's sad to feel like you and other city council members are only hearing the people they want to hear, not the people who are involved on the ground. Please, do not increase the police budget. You know how many times I see one too many police come out for a call? Did you see how many police rallied to protect capital, but not people because of the protests? What would they have been doing otherwise? Tasers and tear gas and all manner of militia weapons don't need to have more money spent on. Body cams-which aren't even fully disclosed to the public UNTIL THERE IS PRESSURE and are sometimes TURNED OFF must not be spent on. Can you please do your job...which right now I have little faith in, to actually listen to your people like you claim to do and VOTE AGAINST the proposed budget? UGH, Nicole S.

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6/15/2020 15:36	Natalie Allsup-Edwards	<p>Hello Ana, My name is Natalie Allsup-Edwards. I am a business owner, artist, and resident of Salt Lake City. I am one if your constituents in district 4. I am writing you for several reasons today. Firstly I bell've that the citizen?s outcry to defund our police system has not been heard. I read that despite tons of calls,lemails, and hundreds of voices heard during the most recent city council budget hearing your offices are still voting to fund and even increase funding for the SLCPD. I listened to the comments during this meeting and nearly everyone who called spoke about police brutality and echoed the call to defund our police force in favor of other programs. Hear this: we don't wantreform and retraining, we want the police to be disbanded and for the funds to be reallocated to programs that truly help our communities. Just look at the disparity between funding of our city's programs: There is more money spent maintaining golf courses than for helping the homeless! The education funding is super low and the lions share of our taxes seem to be going towards police. Why does our city'spend so much on police? Can you defend this? Can you send me a itemized list? We need to change this disparity. I personally do not trust the police as a system to protect our communities, I know they are quick to misunderstand and quick to resort to violence because violence is root of their role, it is ingrained in their training and in their culture. Salt Lake city'should be leading the way towards peace by using tax dollars in programs that prevent crime by providing resources instead of perpetuating the circumstances that drive people to crime. In this way we decriminalize homelessness and poverty. We deserve better, we should be paving the way with peaceful legislation. I also wanted to make a couple comments about the recent budget meeting On Wednesday with mayor Mendenhall and police Chief Mike Brown. I did not see your face or name on the screen and wondered why. Did you attend this meeting? Here are my questions: When asked about the police tactics for chokeholds etc, Mike Brown said that changing these policies on chokeholds and pepper spray was *Continued 1/2*</p>

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		<p>* Continued 2/2* purely administrative? and could be done immediately. This made me wonder: what the process for approving or disapproving their tactics? If he can undo these policies ?administratively? with the wave of his hand how can the constituents like me trust that the polices will stay in place? What is the process For approving any tactics? What prevents him from changing it again or adopting something else? Where do they take into account the voices of their community? Second: Mike Brown stated in the meeting that the SLCPD was not throwing tear gas at the protesters, that SLCPD does not have tear gas in their arsenal and that it was probably a different police group at the protest deploying tear gas. This made me wonder who these other police forces are who are infiltrating our city? Is it not the role of our Local police force to protect the community from harm? Especially to protect us from weapons our own police force does not approve of or use? Why didn?t SLCPD prevent these other military forces from deploying these locally unapproved weapons on their community? Please answer these questions and do your part to defund the Salt lake police department. We deserve better programs that are community designed to prevent crime and enrich the lives of all of our city's citizens. Thank you -Natalie</p>
6/15/2020 15:30	Paul Lapetina	<p>Dear city Council: I am a resident of Salt Lake City living in the sugarhouse neighborhood. I wish to let you know of my position regarding the recent policing matters that you have been considering. I wish to complement our representative Aimee Fowler and the mayor for their reasoned and measured responses on the recent RadioWest program with Doug Fabrizio. I also wish to complement and state my full support for the position the city Council has been communicating to us through its email updates. I do not bell've we should decrease the budget for the police department. But I do very strongly bell've meaningful and substantial changes should be made to the police department. I bell've training and screening and strengthening citizen review boards should be major priorities. This may in fact cause additional money to be allocated to the police department which I fully Support if that is what is needed. Thank you for all your work and service you do for the city. Paul Lapetina</p>

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6/15/2020 15:30	Nora Price	Members of the City Council, Here are some specific community programs and general areas that I would like to see more I'vestment in here in Salt Lake City: The INN Between, FREE and accessible UTA public transit, non-police social workers, mental health and crisis intervention professionals, resources for the unsheltered, LGBTQIA homeless youth advocacy and resources, drug abuse intervention and treatment, YouthCity, Sorenson Multi-Cultural Center, and paying and supporting and training our teachers. A specific city program I do not want to see more I'vestment in is the Salt Lake City Police Department. I again urge you to reconsider the proposed \$2.8 million budget increase for the SLCPD in the 2020-2021 Recommended Budget with the allocations made, departmental or non-, for body cameras and tasers, camera updates to police vehicles, enhanced de-escalation training, and new hire victim advocates. These additions don't address the racist culture and institutional structure of the SLCPD. This structure I'vestigates and 'disciplines' itself through Internal Affairs, without empowered and effective civilian review or oversight, and perpetuates the excessive use of force and lack of accountability with internal policy that substantiates any claim of a perceived threat by an officer as credible. Body camera footage shows Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal being shot while running away, and while already on the ground. The officers involved in his murder have still not been fired and charged. That is unacceptable. Body cameras and training demonstrably do not address the central problems that abet police brutality and the over-policing and terrorizing of Black and Brown people. Please defund the SLCPD. Please take radical action under conditions that demand radical action. Incrementalreformist approaches are not what your citizens are calling for; and are also not what the most credible, informed, experienced anti-racist civil and human rights leaders and thinkers of our time are calling for. Yours, Nora Price
6/15/2020 15:27	Paulina Dryden	Hello, My name is Paulina Dryden and I am a student Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Paulina Dryden

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6/15/2020 15:35	Nicholas Foster	Dear City Council, My name is Nick Foster and I live in Salt Lake. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote. Sent from my iPhone
6/15/2020 15:58	Trevor Jentzsch	Council members, It has come to my attention that you are looking at ways to refund, limit, or cut the budget of the police department. I want to add my voice in strong OPPOSITION to this idea. While there are many issues that need to be addressed in modern policing, to even talk about de-funding or limiting the police budget is an absolutely insane, dangerous, and reckless. What exactly do you think will happen to communities when they can no longer receive help from actual criminals looking to cause harm? The people will rise to defend themselves and their community. We will have chaos. I exhort you to look at this video: https://youtu.be/H1toK3ODe9U I urge you to vote against any such measure that takes money away from the police department. Thank you for your time.
6/15/2020 15:31	Benjamin Nielsen	Given the nature of the calls of defunding the police department over the last week I found this testimony given by a pastor from Cleveland. If you have not viewed it there is a very powerful message given by him. As city council members of our city I encourage you to look at the situation from all angles and the one provided here is substantial. I understand if you are woeful of clicking on a link sent in an email so if you prefer please google: Pastor Darrell Scott-House judiciary hearing. Thank you for all you do. Ben https://www.cleveland.com/open/2020/06/local-pastor-tells-congressional-policereform-hearing-police-cuts-made-cleveland-unbelievably-unsafe.html Officer Nielsen Pioneer Patrol Salt Lake City Police Department

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6/15/2020 15:52	Taylor Sweeten	<p>I am a resident of Springville. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,</p>

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6/15/2020 15:32	Nathan Hickerson	<p>Hello Representative Wharton, I recently wrote to give my input on the city budget this year. I advocated for cutting the police budget in light of the recent national unrest and personal revelations having to do with the benefits of the police in their current function. I do not bell've that a police force whose purpose is to protect the people of our city'should have military equipment waiting to be unleashed on those very citizens. I bell've the mission of the police has grown much to large and they are being asked to respond to situations they are simply unqualified for. I don't see the benefit of having an armed man showing up when an elderly man had a heart attack for example. They are not contributing anything of value in that situation, the medical professionals are all that is necessary. Why are we wasting our tax payer dollars to have an guard armed to the teeth stand over an EMT while they perform CPR. I could go on but out of respect for your time I will just leave the one example, although I?m sure others have written you asking similar questions. My concern now is that I have heard the council is not only refusing to cut the police budget, but they have decided it's necessary to increase it? I struggle to see the sense in this. don't hire new officers. don't buy new tasers and fancy equipment for their cars. don't spend money on de-escalation training that we know doesn?t work because everyone is spending money on these things and nothing is changing. Most importantly do not hire more officers. Reduce the budget and use that money to build the community in productive ways. Spend it on education. Spend it on infrastructure. Use it to stimulate local businesses affected by COVID. Use it for the fire department. it'seems any of these would be more useful than hiring new officers and spending more money on and institution that is already sucking tax payers dry. Thank you for taking the time to read this email. I apologize for the length but I need to express how against providing this department with further funding I am. I?m sure I won?t be the last person you hear from expressing this same sentiment. Best, Nate Hickerson</p>

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6/15/2020 15:33	Paige Hansen	Hello, My name is Paige Hansen. I am a resident and a teacher. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that you vote for the city to make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that there remains a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the police force is no longer helping the community, they're hurting it. Education and public services are continuing to be defunded, but corrupt and racist police funds are increasing? Listen to the people! This is unacceptable. NO spending on body cameras and police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new hires throughout the fiscal year. YES 30 million (AT LEAST) in budget cuts. Instead, I demand you I'veest \$30 million in programs and trained professionals to help: homelessness, mental illness and addiction, victims of domestic violence, childcare, education, social workers, healthcare, affordable housing, and other important social programs. Sincerely, Paige Hansen Sent from my iPhone
6/15/2020 15:33	Nicole Kozlowski	Dear City Council, My name is Nikki and I do not live in Salt Lake City but I?m watching your actions from California. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grI've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. The world is watching you. A more just world is possible, and it'sstarts with your vote. don't repeat history and be the horrible people that perpetuate present day slavery.

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6/15/2020 15:34	Nora Price	fiscal 2010/2021 that you do not plan to cut funding for the SLCPD; and further that you will be shifting money for policing out of the department, which is still spending on policing, for body cameras and vehicle retrofits for body cams and de-escalation training and victim advocates, to the tune of \$1,344,394. These seem like 'good' things; but they do not work here, have not worked here, are not what the public wants, and continue to l'vest in policing. My mother used to be a police sergeant; she transitioned into school counseling after getting her Masters, having exhausted the idea that any improvement to police culture or policy was possible from inside the institution and not for want of trying. I bell've her when she says the only way to change how police function is to take away the money. The money for giant lawsuit'settlements (with their gag orders), warrior training, hiring new officers, paying suspended officers on leave, grant-application for those federal military weapons... it'scares me that the overwhelming take-away of this session was a lack of knowledge as to what you, the council, are actually empowered to effect. What measures you can and cannot take, where the separation of powers comes into play. What can be made an ordinance. What requires an executive order and how you would exert pressure to occasion it. Whether you can effectively demand reporting from to the City Council, from a city department (and the under-examined corollary of why it is so much more difficult for you to cut funds and make demands of this City Department than others). It worries me that you are surprised to hear how Internal Affairs works. It worries me to hear you discussing whether the acquisition of more tasers (which are extremely dangerous although tagged 'non-lethal') should perhaps not be stopped because police officers will then just reach for their guns? That is an encapsulation of the problem, and how you are not taking responsibility for addressing it. Right there. It is not that I don't understand the importance of nuance and detail. How an exhaustive audit that breaks everything down line-item by line-item is a useful tool. But this is the time for sweeping change. Radical change, even; a word that is lionizing in retrospect and apparently, demonizing in the present. You should be cutting Police funds, now. Even if your reductive assessment of the \$30 million recommendation, an informed target based on a heuristic of PDs that are more alike than not in the extent, scale, and degree of their horrifying structural problems, somehow offends you. Even if hearing "I demand", a considered rhetorical strategy reinforcing the need of those who are being murdered and living in fear and the authority of the governed in political process, somehow offends you. I really hope you reconsider the idea that this is an uniformed bandwagon mass of young people making these demands, and recognize the great wealth of knowledge and experience of long-time community organizers,

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6/15/2020 15:34	Nathan Fredrick	As representatives of the community it is your responsibility to not become a prisoner of a moment. With all the noise you must find quiet and remain clear headed. Review statistic and trends. Throw out your bias. Be the leader you have been elected to be. George Floyds death was horrendous and justice is in the process of being served through the conviction of the offending officer. Defunding the Police is a bad idea. don't do it. Everyone is an armchair police person. Everyone could have done it better although non of them have felt the emotions and threats our police force feels during many encounters. It is easy to find fault after the fact.
6/15/2020 15:39	Price Jarman	Councilwoman Fowler: I hope this email finds you well and in good health. As a resident of your district I am contacting you to demand that no new funds be allocated to policing in Salt Lake City. This city and this country need to allocate funds to other social services that benefit the people, rather than the program that is killing them and brutalizing them. Thank you. Price Jarman
6/15/2020 15:37	Nicole Tresner-Enright	Mr. Rogers and SLC Council, After looking at the new "more transparent," police budget, I am incredibly disappointed. The city council is actually going to increase the police budget funds, rather than defunding them. This is completely unacceptable. These funds would be much more useful going to social services in our community. We do not need police to help with the real issues in our community. Use the city budget to fund the services that we actually need. Stop paying in to a system that hurts the people of this community. Defund the police and put that money towards more important programs, such as homeless resources, mental health resources, housing, and most importantly, education. Best, Nicole Tresner Enright

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6/15/2020 15:40	Noelle Byrne	Hi Amy! My name is Noelle Byrne and I am a resident of. I see that after the last city council meeting and numerous requests to defund the SLCPD, the city is planning to give them a budget increase of over 1 million dollars. This is outrageous. Why is there even MORE money available to give to the police when children have school lunch debt?? At the very least, keep the SLCPD budget the same as it was this year. They do not need any more money. Hiring CARES advocates, buying tasers and body cams, etc... this isn't going to help. Put that money back into our communities instead and you'll have less crime. Maybe the officers who shot Bernardo could be fired and their salaries could pay for these body cams instead? Also, I thought SLCPD already had body cams for all officers?? Please listen to the PEOPLE. Thank you, Noelle Byrne
6/15/2020 15:42	Nora Henriksen	Hello, I would like to advocate for District 1 in SLC to NOT approve the \$1,344,394 budget increase for police this Tuesday. I demand NO police spending on body cams, tasers and police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new hires in the next year. Sincerely, Nora Henriksen

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6/15/2020 15:51	Todd Thomas	I have heard news reports that you are talking about defunding the police department. I am opposed to this. If we want better quality officers, the police need MORE funding. If officers are being poorly trained, the solution is better or more training. How do you accomplish that? By paying for it. An attempt to fix concerns over police misconduct through cutting budgets makes zero logical sense. I am a liberal individual, I voted for Bernie Sanders in the democratic primaries twice. I am a minority as well. I do not support the defunding of police. I actually want an increase in police funding. The council notes seemed to imply you were removing funds for body cameras and less-lethal tools like tasers from the department. How does that help improve accountability or proper policing? Body cameras protect police from false accusations of brutality, AND prove brutality in many cases. There are many cases of police brutality that would go UNREPORTED without body cameras. Body cameras are win-win. Please show some courage and actually increase the police's budget AS A WAY TO FIGHT POOR POLICING. You can earmark it for training. This isn't complicated. When people on my side of the political spectrum complain, explain it's simply like this: "We increased police budgets to get them better training and attract better quality officers so they won't brutalize people." I'm a recent graduate of the University of Utah and I wanted to join the police force. But my application has been pending since Early February and is hiring is now frozen due to COVID19. I was willing to take a LOW paying job as a police officer despite being a university graduate because I bell've in the power of police to keep our city'safe. Why do you want to discourage even more people from being hired and prevent the department from attracting higher quality recruits? If anything, if you want higher quality police officers, you should increase their pay and increase their training. The pay was borderline for me to even accept to begin with. I have student loans, etc.
6/15/2020 15:46	Tracy Boulton	If Salt Lake does this I will never visit'salt Lake again and I will start a petition for people to stay away from Salt Lake and I will petition for your salary to be cut. If you want people to come to Salt Lake they have to feel safe and they won't feel safe if you refund the police. If you want to defund police let us start with taken the police protection from Mayor Mendenhall.

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6/15/2020 15:55	Tamsen Reid	<p>Mr. Wharton, I am a SLC resident living, working and obtaining my masters degree in your district. I saw you in the last public meeting regarding the SLC budget and hope will consider doing more than just the lip service of hanging that BLM sign above your head in the call. I am writing you to again ask that the SLCPD budget is not increased in the coming year. The proposal is asking for an increase in trainings and ?non-deadly? tools. However, these non-lethal alternatives should be prescribed as less lethal, not non-lethal. As of 2017 (the most recent figures I could find) more than 1,100 have died at the hands of police due to tasers alone. Rubber bullets are nearly as bad where they cause permanent disfiguration, disabilities, and even death. My entire media feed has been folks losing an eye, broken noses, and bystanders not involved in the peaceful protests being disfigured. ~3% of those struck by rubber bullets die, 15.5% require very serious surgeries. Should our goal for police be to maim? wouldn't a better alternative be for proper resource allocation where we would not need a police force, let alone a police force that looks ready to go to war? I work with the homeless population regularly and can say that a lot of the folks I deal with have mental problems. If they are a POC and someone gets offended by something they do it can be a death sentence, folks with a mental illness are 16x more likely to die at the hands of law enforcement. I am sure these are not new figures to you. I am confident that you and your peers know the deadly and devastating effects of law enforcement in our communities. When I was 17 years old I was molested by a police officer in Brigham City. The states victims advocates told me to not report anything because ?this kind of thing happens all the time?. By the time I had some media recognition, 6 other women came forward about the same officer and their encounters with him. I bring this up because his police precinct already had required cameras and he learned that he could just turn them off and do what he wanted with no repercussions. Car cameras and body cams do not deter bad behavior. As you know, cops can get away with anything in our society. What is it, 1 in 1,000 officers will actually be charged even when there is proof (like camera evidence) of wrongdoing? How can we as a city justify increasing the budget while I look around and see no social services being provided, education budgets being slashed, and the price of rent escaping all of our hands? How many more Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal's and George Floyd's will it take to make REAL change? I hope we are not too late to become a total police state but I fear we may be too far gone. Please consider my plea, along with your other constituents to be the change, make a bold stance and lets turn this sinking ship around.</p>

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6/15/2020 15:50	Steven Winters	<p>Dear City Council Members, Attached are emails and previous correspondence the union has had with negotiation staff, we have just attached a few of them. We have a total of 52 emails which paint the truthful picture of the union's cooperation with the city. The attached correspondence from the city is a mischaracterization of the facts. As the union we have been asking the city to talk and for the past 18 months on many issues and from the emails you can see a continual delay tactic. Negotiations begin last year lone before any pandemic, long before the earthquake, long before the civil unrest, but the city has kicked the can down the road and have not fairly negotiated with the union. Additionally, I feel it is important to point out, as per our contract, after May 15 is when either side of the dispute can file an impasse. Also, declaring an impasse is the only way these issues can be directly addressed with the mayor or city council. I find in in poor taste that the city has rules to follow and when they are followed they attempt to twist the facts to make the appearance of wrong doing on the union. Okay for numerous times, the union understands the financial troubles the city is experiencing, we have voluntarily suspended the financial request for this year, but have maintained our request to have changes in the internal affairs process. We find it odd with all of the recent requests for justice and transparency that the city has taken a hard line on being fair. We find it unacceptable the city wants to continue with the internal affairs process that has been in practice for three decades. the internal affairs process has been tweaked over and over again but leaves out the principles of fairness. If the council truly wants to correct the injustices which have caused this civil unrest then lets start fixing the problem, let's correct the root of the problem. Internal affair is the process that corrects the police when wrong doing has been alleged. The union has been asking for modification to the internal affairs practices for 18 months. These request have been to the chief of police and the chief negotiation officer for the city, as of this date two very small concession have been offered, this is not fixing the problem, but yet again we are kicking the can down the road. Please read the attached emails, and hopefully we can address these issues and start the healing process. The public wants it, the police officers want fairness. Fairness must be applied evenly for it to work. Maintaining a balance of unfairness is great for the side with the advantage, but this very same issue is what has caused civil unrest and forced people to riot. How can the city'say they want justice for all when they are unwilling to apply the principles of fairness with their own employees.</p>

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6/15/2020 15:56	Victoria Thompson	<p>My name is Victoria Thompson and I am a resident of your district. The recent proposal of increasing the police budget is appalling and should not happen. As a voter, I demand that no more money be allocated to the police department and a budget cut of \$30 million happen. This money could be used to better fund our educational system and other various non-profit organisations that actually benefit the community. As an LCSW, our code of ethics states we need to empower those who are vulnerable, oppressed and in poverty. This oppression has happened to many at the hands of police officers. As a social worker, it is our mission to stop this oppression and cutting the police department budget is one way to aid those who are oppressed. Our police department, like many others around the country are in great need of reform. These reforms need to happen without the increase of funding just as it is expected that our education system be more progressive while cutting their funds. Our funds need to go towards bettering our community rather than funding corrupt organizations. Thank you for your time.</p>
6/15/2020 15:57	Teague Chubak	<p>Dear City Council, My name is Teague Chubak and I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grieve collectively, as thousands, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it starts with your vote. Show that you care about the people you live with.</p>

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6/15/2020 16:05	Flannery Mack	<p>Good morning Councilman Dugan, I am writing again to follow up on the Council's proposal for a new police budget that was announced this morning. I am disappointed in the Council's proposal to increase funding to the SLCPD. It feels like a slight to the voices of your constituents and to the needs the Black, Latinx, Indigenous, and other communities have expressed repeatedly, not only in the last few weeks but, as is especially the case for the Black community, for decades. As a city and a community, we should be using this opportunity to boldly reimagine what a safe community looks like, and how we can make safe communities a standard for all Utahns. Increased police activity, funding, and presence is not the answer. I would demand the following from the Council to lead us toward a safer Salt Lake: * No spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology * No spending on de-escalation training. * No new police hires for the next year * A \$30 million budget cut redirecting to community-building services OUTSIDE of the police department It has been widely shown that police de-escalation training does not work. I know from my own work with people in the homeless service system that de-escalation is delicate and complex--it takes extensive training to become adept at, and depends on equality between parties for success. The purpose of de-escalation is to create space for empathy and non-judgement, using non-threatening nonverbal language cues, providing options with freedom to choose, and returning all parties to a place of calm. Police de-escalation tactics are power tactics--they contain all parties and keep them under police commands, dominate over any perceived threat to officer safety, dictate outcomes to decrease freedom and disobedience, and use force, manipulation, or verbal threats to ensure that police maintain all power. Police are fundamentally unable to actually "de-escalate" due to the power imbalance that is inherent in police interactions. Officers' need to maintain control, an individual's perceptions and experience with police in the past, and the presence of weapons and protective gear preclude creating the non-threatening space and options that proper de-escalation requires.</p> <p>*Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Flannery Mack	<p>*Continued 2/2* Police officers are, inescapably, a threatening presence. Instead, let's use this money to do things that will actually increase public safety. Police are not mental health specialists, addiction specialists, or teachers. Money lavished on ineffective training and additional resources for the public service that is already the most abundantly resourced in our city is money that could have had a powerful impact in a community where we currently lack 50,000 affordable housing units; it is money that could fund higher salaries for teachers or school counselors; it is money that could provide accessible mental health support decoupled from a police department to people in serious need. I demand better from you for our city. Thank you for your time, Flannery -- Flannery Mack Pronouns: she her hers</p>
	Tyler Valovic	<p>Dear City Council, My name is Tyler Valovic and I live in Salt Lake City. Preceding is an auto generated email, summarizing why the police department in salt lake (and almost everywhere) need to reform the way they educate their officers, laws on incarceration, and overall allocate funds somewhere else. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grieve collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it starts with your vote.</p>

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6/15/2020 15:59	Taylor Maguire	Dear City Council, My name is Taylor Maguire and I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we gri've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote. We voted you in to represent us, now help us.
6/15/2020 16:00	Cynthia Hansen	I am outraged that the city council would even consider such a ludicrous idea, especially during these times of unrest. For the most part, 99% of our officers are exemplary protectors of law and order. We should not be sending them the message they aren't worthy of the funding they are now getting, in fact we should be standing up with them and showing our pride in them by increasing their budget. If San Diego and Houston can increase their budgets then we certainly can do the same. I'm sure they have revenue shortfalls as we do, but in my opinion are doing what's right for their citizens. Our officers are demoralized enough by all the hateful speech, harassment and threats to themselves and their families. Each and everyone of them would lay down their life to help a fellow citizen, regardless of the color of their skin I might add. It takes a special kind of person to do this and they should be rewarded, not penalized. Please send them the right message by voting no to any and all budget cuts.

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6/15/2020 16:03	Francesca Hsieh	<p>I am a resident of Salt Lake County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,</p> <p>Francesca Hsieh</p>

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6/15/2020 16:07	Gabe Redondo	Hello Darin- I reside in Kaysville, UT but own residential properties in the Liberty Park area of SLC. I have been extremely saddened at the tragic death of George Floyd and have been closely following the events unfolding in regard to the protests/rioting/looting in Minneapolis and all across America. I'm especially troubled to see the destruction of property and vandalism that took place there in SLC. I'm sure you were as well. While I agree we need to, as a city's state and as a country, make much needed changes to ensure these tragedies don't keep happening, I couldn't be more strongly opposed to 'defunding' our local SLC police dept. it would weaken SLC and open us up to more criminal activity. If anything, we should increase our investment to ensure better training, abolishing prejudice, excessive use of force, etc. Data supports that most police officers are hard-working, decent human beings, putting their lives on the line every day to protect people of all races. it's a hard job that neither you or myself want to do, but these men/women in blue do it every day. They feel more marginalized and unsafe with each passing day, and simply-put, the overwhelming majority of good cops shouldn't be blamed for the wrongful actions of the minority of bad ones. My humble opinion is that law and order is necessary to ensure the safety and security of the residents of SLC and surrounding areas. I'm sure you want safety and security for your neighborhood As a resident of Utah, I appreciate your consideration to this request, and for listening to my opinion. Sincerely, Gabe Redondo Sent from my iPhone

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6/15/2020 16:08	Trevor Schlossnagle	Hi James, I am very disappointed to read that in light of all the positive and progressive discussion around the topics of police abolition and defunding the police, SLC is leaning toward increasing the police budget?? The problem is not a lack of training or equipment, but a deeper rooted attitude the police have toward the public vs. themselves. I'm sure you're familiar with the sheep/sheepdog/wolf analogy by this point. When you're a hammer, everything looks like a nail. Things we DO NOT need: -increased spending on technology, including body cams, tasers, or cars -new hires -increased spending on de-escalation training What we DO need: - a budget cut of around \$30 million to start. For decades local, state, and federal governments have been more than happy to defund education, social services, etc. it'should be very easy to start to DEFUND the police as well. Redirect that money to things like these very same education and social service programs and maybe try to address problems at the root. Thanks for reading. Do the right thing.
6/15/2020 16:12	Vivian Bentley	Good Morning, I am concerned over the recent budget proposal that would increase money spent on policing. Spending more on body cameras and de-escalation has already been shown not to be effective. There are many cases where police have a body camera but it isn't turned on when the police violence occurs. Even departments that have undergone de-escalation training have still caused unnecessary deaths. I bell've the best way to reduce police brutality is to limit the police's power. I demand that we reduce the police budget by 30 million, and reallocate those funds to education, housing, and in our communities. Cops shouldn't have to deal with every call. There are many emergencies that would be better served by social workers, or other community members.

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6/15/2020 16:15	Tracy Lewis	Hello, My name is Tracy Lewis and I am a constituent of your district. I?m extremely disappointed that city council chose not only to not pursue policereform, but to INCREASE the budget of the police in your last meeting. I understand that what you are increasing the budget for is supposed to help with police violence and accountability, but in the end I don't bell've it will have the intended effect. You cannot help a community with a force that is centered around criminalizing and punishing your citizens. Homelessness should not be a crime. Drug addiction should not be a crime. These people do not need to be met with force, but with understanding, guidance, and access to resources to move through these issues. By defunding the police, you would have GRATUITOUS amounts of money to funnel into programs geared toward helping the people you represent. You are supposed to be our voice. You are supposed to make us heard. Do your job. Your constituents are calling you to defund the police, I beg you to PLEASE listen to us.
6/15/2020 16:16	Gill Bearnson	For the record... I'm not in favor of de-funding the police force here or anywhere in the US. I think it's a good idea to add training that will increase likelihood of peaceful resolution of conflict and change the culture of police where that needs to happen. De-funding is not going to do that. Gill Bearnson

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6/15/2020 16:18	GRACE NICHOLSON	<p>I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,</p> <p>Grace Nicholson</p>

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6/15/2020 16:19	Grace Olscamp	<p>Dear distinguished Salt Lake City Councilmembers, My name is Grace Olscamp and I am a constituent of Councilmember Fowler's here in District 7. I'm writing to you all today regarding the budget of the Salt Lake Police Department (SLPD) and the proposed budget adjustments. While you, the Salt Lake City Council, have said "We hear you <https://www.deseret.com/utah/2020/6/11/21288752/utah-police-salt-lake-city-george-floyd-brutality-body-cameras-budget-cut> " in response to the official public testimonies and civil rights protests across the Salt Lake Valley, Utah, and country, the recent actions by the council do not match this sentiment. Instead of cutting the SLPD budget by at least \$30 million as many citizens have requested, and using those funds instead to support community programs, housing, health, and sustainability efforts, the Salt Lake City Council is going to in fact increase the budget by over \$1 million to fund programs that are proven to make no real impact on police brutality, like body cameras, tasers, and additional technology. According to Mapping Police Violence <https://mappingpoliceviolence.org/> , Black people in Utah are more disproportionately killed by the police than in any other state. In the last seven years, Black people have accounted for 10% of police killings despite being only 1.06% of our population. The problem is real in Utah and must be addressed by tangible, effective, evidence-based actions. Through public comments, emails, phone calls, and protests, the demands of Salt Lake City citizens are obvious: we want our taxpayer dollars to support real community programs, not police departments that have proven time and time again that they do not protect and serve our communities. If the budget is approved on Tuesday as-is, the message you are sending to your residents isn't "we hear you," but rather "we care more about the status quo than the lives of real Utahns." I expect more out of the people elected to represent Salt Lake City. I ask you to not increase the SLPD budget to pay for body cameras, tasers, technology, de-escalation training, or new hires. Instead, I urge you to reallocate at least \$30 million to real community programs - such as public health, mental health, social services, public transit, sustainability, and affordable housing - instead of further funding the SLPD. I am happy to discuss my stance more, so please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Thank you Best, Grace -- Grace Olscamp</p>

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6/15/2020 16:20	Hailey Colvin	> > Hello, > > My name is Hailey Colvin and I am a constituent of your district. I?m extremely disappointed that city council chose not only to not pursue policereform, but to INCREASE the budget of the police in your last meeting. I understand that what you are increasing the budget for is supposed to help with police violence and accountability, but in the end I don't bell've it will have the intended effect. > > You cannot help a community with a force that is centered around criminalizing and punishing your citizens. Homelessness should not be a crime. Drug addiction should not be a crime. These people do not need to be met with force, but with understanding, guidance, and access to resources to move through these issues. By defunding the police, you would have GRATUITOUS amounts of money to funnel into programs geared toward helping the people you represent. > > You are supposed to be our voice. You are supposed to make us heard. Do your job. Your constituents are calling you to defund the police, I beg you to PLEASE listen to us. Something has to change, we will not back down until we feel like we are heard. Thank you, Hailey. > >
6/15/2020 16:24	Hannah Satein	Hi there council members, I am a Salt Lake City resident and I am deeply disappointed that the proposed budget not only does not divest money from the police department, but increases the police budget. Body cams won't bring a murdered person back to life. Implicit bias training hasn't overcome racist instincts. Instead of continuing to l'vest in a system that is perpetuating racism and violence I want our city to l'vest in supporting our citizens. Divest \$30 million from the police and put it into training crisis response workers, unarmed trained mediators, mental health services, funding our schools, and making our streets safer for pedestrians and cyclists. Our system is killing black and brown lives disproportionately. I hope we are brave enough to envision and create a different future. Thank you. Sincerely, Hannah Satein

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6/15/2020 16:33	Greta Knoblauch	Good afternoon, I'm asking you to reconsider your willingness to defund our police department. We NEED to hire more officers to serve and protect as more and more people are moving into our communities. Our officers take great care in protecting the citizens of SLC, they provide a presence in our schools, our sporting events (Real and Jazz), our public events (conventions) they also provide traffic control so there is a nice flow of traffic after these events that, by the way, bring revenue to our community which is an AWESOME thing. SLC is a beautiful city which brings many tourists here year round. Sking, dining, the LDS temple, the theaters that bring Broadway productions to SLC, Sundance, our museums, our choice of universities and education and of course the beauty of our beloved mountains. All of us benefit from these opportunities we need to keep our officers and further generations of officers WANTING to serve and be PROUD to serve our beautiful community. Please, also understand as you and your council do your job, their job is also protecting you and your council. Both your jobs COEXIST to make this the beautiful and safe community for those of us living here and those visiting our beautiful state. Please reconsider and understand our officers are LOVED and APPRECIATED in our communities. Thank you, A concerned citizen. Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone Get Outlook for Android < https://aka.ms/ghei36 >
6/15/2020 16:22	Gretchen Pettey	We don't need to increase the budget.reform or defund but not increase. Sent from my iPhone

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6/15/2020 16:22	Jackson Wehrli	<p>Dear Mr. Johnston, My name is Jackson Wehrli and I?m a student in Salt Lake City. I've lived here for about 2 years and even from the first few months it was evident that there was a racial disproportion both geographically (avenues, park city vs Taylorsville). I also saw on Live PD how the Utah troopers treated BIPOC. I bell've as a representative that you have the power to be on the right side of history and change this type of behavior and unfairness. I understand that the city council has tried to hear the words of the public regarding the budget. And I also read about the ?surgical? approach that is proposed for thereform of SLCPD and that the \$30mil defunding might be considered ?disproportionate? to our city compared to Minneapolis. However, I am demanding that as a representative that your office reflect the changes that the public really wants. We want a reduction in policing... we understand that a budget cut would reduce essential? policing in some aspects of the city, but if theseessential policings are on the west side or in the grand America when there's a wedding or something, that?s notessential. That?s classist policing. By reducing patrolling of ?crime ridden? neighborhoods, you reinforce the same image of police that exists in People's minds currently. By diverting funds from SLCPD to those neighborhoods through transit, community development, and true community leadership, you can actually eliminate the need for that essential policing?. I think that instead of demanding no bodycam/taser/deescalation/squadcar tech spending, city council effort would be best spent TRYING TO MAKE BODYCAM FOOTAGE outright PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE through the freedom of information act. I also think that instead of increasing the budget outright, that you might consider a surgical approach of MOVING EXISTING DEPARTMENTAL FUNDS. I think the last thing we want as taxpayers is more police funding... which seems clear. Please listen to the people. Best, Jackson Wehrli. Sent from my iPhone</p>

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6/15/2020 16:42	Hollie Hinkins	I am writing to demand that the Salt Lake City council adjust the budget increase directed at the police department immediately. We need to DECREASE the funding spent on policing by at least \$30 million, not increase by over \$1 billion. Consistently spending more money on the police department has not created a more just society and continuing to do so will not suddenly change that trend. Funds must be redistributed to community services, education, hospitals, mental health, and infrastructure. Please reconsider the budget increase and reallocate these funds to resources that will actually help people in Salt Lake. Hollie Hinkins

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6/15/2020 16:34	Heather Tourgee	<p>Dear Coucilman Mano, I am a constituent of yours in District 5, and I am writing to express my dismay at the council's recent proposal to increase Salt Lake PD's budget. I do not need to remind you of the litany of injustices perpetrated by police around the country and within our own city. I'm sure you are aware of the killing of Bernardo Palacios and other Utahns in the last decade, as your colleague Amy Fowler called it "unlawful." I'm sure you're also aware of the fact that Utah has one of the worst records when it comes to the racial disparities in police killings. Utah also has some of the lowest per-student spending in the United States. While your district is among the more affluent in the city and our schools are generally safe, positive spaces, I want to ask you what it'says about us that our governments are willing to outfit each police officer with thousands of dollars worth of technology, and yet teachers reach into their own wallets for basic supplies? Add the simple fact that education is one of the single greatest diversions to criminality, and does this not become absurd? The way in which a government allocates funds is one of the best ways for it to express its values. A society that values the health and education of its constituents will spend money on the health and education of its constituents. Only a government that condones the needless killing of black and brown individuals would expand a police force that does so on a semi-regular basis. To put it'simply, the Salt Lake Police Department has shown it cannot be trusted with taxpayer money to uphold its duty to protect and serve its citizens. Spending more money on the SLPD odes nothing but give them more resources with which to abuse their power. The proposed increase of over \$1.3 million would be exponentially better spent in other areas of the city. Further, we need to radically shift the city's budget in a way that emphasizes services for education, public health, those experiencing homelessness, drug treatment, and public works. These are departments whose existence actively enriches and validates the dignity of our residents, rather than detract from it. What I ask of you, Councilman, is not to reward the police department with more funds. Rather than asking you to advocate for police officers who continually place their own fear prejudice over the wellbeing of their communities, I ask you to advocate for the students, teachers, social workers, doctors, nurses, public servants, and countless other citizens that make district 5 so distinctly wonderful. Thank you for your time in this matter. Heather Tourgee, Liberty Wells</p>

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6/15/2020 16:34	Isaac Wilson	<p>I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black and Latino people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Regards, Isaac Wilson</p>

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6/15/2020 16:37	John Michael Biggs	<p>Hello, I am writing once again regarding the budget. I'm a resident of SLC District 1. Salt Lake City may be "further along" in some regards when compared to cities like Minneapolis. That doesn't change the fact that black people in Utah are shot and killed by police officers 9.21 times more than others. That number is the LARGEST FOR ANY STATE IN THE COUNTRY. Clearly substantative change needs to happen. I appreciate that you do seem to be taking the time to consider our concerns, but instead of seeing the budget go down, it's going up, and for the wrong reasons. We don't need more funding for training. it's a nice idea, but it seems clear that it doesn't work. I don't think it works, I don't know that anyone thinks that it really works. We don't need more funding for body cameras. it's great to have footage of our police murdering people, but what is the point if they don't face consequences EVEN WHEN THE FOOTAGE EXISTS? (Side note, but Mike Brown and the anonymous officers involved with the murder of Bernardo Palacios STILL very much need to be held accountable!) Why are we afraid to cut funding for "outreach programs"? The role of the police should be very small and limited. We only need them when a situation has gotten to the point that the only way to improve it is to send in guys with guns. I'd like to see things like social work happening outside of the police department. If we can work on getting people housed, fed, and out of poverty, THERE WILL BE LESS CRIME and less need for guys with guns. Now is the time to make bold moves. Thank you, John Michael Biggs</p>

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6/15/2020 16:38	J.W. Trull	Ana, First, let me thank you for your service to our community. Your role as a leader on the Council is of the utmost importance in this moment. I want to speak to you as a resident of your District. In the wake of persistent racialized killings by police, Salt Lake City is waking up to the idea that police are a blunt instrument- a failing, flailing baton that beats against the backs of those already on their knees in the face of poverty, racism, and other systemic forms of repression. Policing is a failed institution. It has failed to keep the peace. It has failed to serve and protect. It has failed the nation in leading our lives toward justice. I am pleading with you to deeply reflect on the historical role of racism that has wronged us to the point of where we are today and irreversibly shaped policing as an institution. I am pleading with you to delve into ideas about how we can address these injustices in our society. I am pleading with you to recognize the negative role that policing has played in the path toward justice. You are a policymaker. I am calling on you to make substantial cuts to the SLCPD. This money is better utilized by community-led social justice programs. Poverty has become criminalized in this country. The SLCPD has become tumorous, grossly enlarged to police "crimes" in our community that are better served by money going to programs that don't begin and end with violent force and penalty. SLCPD creates and feeds many of the problems it purports to solve. Simply glancing at a chart of the budget allocation, law enforcement spending looms as a cancer on the programs that are designed to create peace in our community. I'm asking you, a policymaker with a skilled background, to envision innovative solutions to societal ills that don't involve policing. This does not mean, as Biden has suggested, that we train officers to shoot in the legs instead of the heart. This does not mean, as the Council has suggested, that we give police more body cams. *Continued 1/2*

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	J.W. Trull	<p>*Continued 2/2* As if, broadcasting 30 seconds loops of people being shot in the back by police is a solution to any problem. As a City Planner, I think that you will understand the ways in which prevailing structures predetermine an attitude, behavior, solution. Sometimes, a reconstruction is required. This has never been more clear than now. Get us out of this cul-de-sac of policing and pave the path toward just public institutions. Please do not increase SLCPD funding! Please make a substantial decrease to SLCPD funding! Please use your skills as a leader and policymaker to redirect this funding to just causes: schools/education, housing (specifically, ultra-low income housing), social programs to respond to domestic violence, social programs to respond to mental health, community development, parks. J.W. Trull (Invoking the names of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal, Bryan Valencia, Darrien Hunt, Bobby Duckworth, Patrick Harmon, Elijah Smith, Dillon Taylor, Harold Robinson, James Barker, Cindreia Europe, Cody Belgard, Diamonte Riviere, and many, many others unjustly killed by police)</p> <p><https://mailtrack.io/trace/mail/3f1cbd45b49be05770a1e3b7ed3c202dedad732f.png?u=5485495></p>
6/15/2020 16:39	Jami Fairbanks	<p>To Whom It May Concern: As you contemplate whether or not to defund our police department, please take a pause to consider the repercussions of your decision. While there are bad cops, the majority of our officers are upstanding heroes in our society. They are the ones rushing to help when YOU call for help. Do they make mistakes, YES! Do we need to make changes in how situations are handled? YES! Do we need to ensure that minorities are not targeted? YES! Defunding does nothing to change any of the current problems! It will only make the situation worse as we will have less protection in times of trouble. If you truly care about black lives (and any life for that matter), work onreforming the process rather than removing our local line of defense against criminals! Please do not allow the current political situation to make you bow to a socialist state! Best Regards, Jami Fairbanks</p>

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6/15/2020 16:46	Jackie Rosen	<p>Dear Chris, Nate and I live in Amy Fowler's district, but you are definitely the council member that I know best, so I figured it made sense to reach out to you as well as to her. I have really enjoyed watching the recent city council meetings and hearing so many members of our community comment on the budget process. However, I was honestly quite disappointed to hear that, after ~10 hours of public comment and, I'm sure, numerous emails and phone calls, the city council has decided to increase the police department budget. This is exactly the opposite of what so many voices are asking for. I would like to add my support to a \$30 million budget cut for the police department coupled with an increase in services for underserved populations in our city, such as affordable housing initiatives, city libraries, and after-school programs. I bell've that increasing funding to pay for additional body cameras and training for the Salt Lake City Police Department is the wrong decision. it's extremely frustrating that, after so much public input, the city council has come to the same decision that was discussed during the June 2 working session, prior to all the public comment. Based on the comments that members of the council have made about the shooting of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal, I really expected more of a concerted effort from the city council to make some major shifts to how the city budget is structured. I hope that those changes happen. Best, Jackie Rosen</p>
6/15/2020 16:41	Jana Fowers	<p>Es una afirmación ridícula que quitando dinero de nuestro departamento de policia va a ayudar y será una solución para abolir la discriminación que existe en muy pocos. Nuestro departamento de policia en Lago Salado tiene una falta de fondos. Necesitan más dinero para salarios y entrenamiento. Quitando fondos quita la protección y seguridad que cada ciudadano viviendo en esta ciudad merece. Muchas Gracias</p>

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6/15/2020 17:08	Jake Trimble	<p>Hello again, I sent a letter after the first few protests asking for the police budget to be reduced. After hearing that the council has proposed to increase the budget instead, I wanted to follow up. Mariame Kaba articulates it better than I ever could in this piece published yesterday, linked below. "When people, especially white people, consider a world without the police, they envision a society as violent as our current one, merely without law enforcement ? and they shudder. As a society, we have been so indoctrinated with the idea that we solve problems by policing and caging people that many cannot imagine anything other than prisons and the police as solutions to violence and harm. People like me who want to abolish prisons and police, however, have a vision of a different society, built on cooperation instead of individualism, on mutual aid instead of self-preservation. What would the country look like if it had billions of extra dollars to spend on housing, food and education for all? This change in society wouldn't happen immediately, but the protests show that many people are ready to embrace a different vision of safety and justice." In the short piece, she explains how we have tried reforming the police over and over for a century and it has not stopped racist police violence. Please read this short piece written by a brilliant black thinker.</p> <p><https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/12/opinion/sunday/floyd-abolish-defund-police.html?fbclid=IwAR3ADLPEZjgqwbFLXHg0LCJ2ZhIF7MSB7t4BSUeTXu-k7I-gqORNuKjG9DY> When considering reforms, I urge you to ask tough questions. Has thereform already been proven ineffective at ending racist police violence? This PDF resource for evaluating policereforms to create public safety <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/59ead8f9692ebee25b72f17f/t/5b65cd58758d46d34254f22c/1533398363539/CR_NoCopsreform_vs_abolition_CRside.pdf> is an excellent tool to develop your perspective and see the bigger picture. Thank you for your consideration of what public safety really means! Jake Trimble</p>

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6/15/2020 16:44	Tatiana Christian	Hello Chris, I have learned that the city council is voting to give more money to the police. Why. People have been protesting almost every day in response to George Lloyd's murder, hundreds of people have called in and demanded that money be taken away from the police, and people have sent in THOUSANDS of emails. Why do you care so little about Black people? Why is the City Council disregarding the will of the people to give more more to the police? This is utterly disgusting in every capacity that matters. The City Council needs to take money AWAY from the police and allocate resources to things that matter. THE COMMUNITY. THIS IS SO UNACCEPTABLE. THIS IS ANTI-BLACKNESS IN ACTION. THIS IS DISGUSTING.
6/15/2020 16:45	Jamie Reeves	Hello Local Officials, I am asking for the complete and total defunding of the police. I am asking for you to halt using taxpayer dollars, provided by me and my neighbors, to sponsor a force that makes my Black neighbors live in fear. I want our city to adopt a new model of public safety- one that serves not only our white populations, but our black and POC communities as well. Please care for our Black communities, and do your part! Speak up! Make change! Do anything! Signed, Jamie Reeves
6/15/2020 17:07	Jamie Reeves	Hello Mayor and Salt Lake City Council, I am calling for the defunding of the police. Defunding the Police > Policereform The way to reduce police violence is to reduce the scope, size, and role of police in our communities. Why would we continue to throw money away at something we already know is not working? We need those resources in schools, toward our health, and for our futures. Signed, Jamie Reeves
6/15/2020 17:07	Jill H	The idea of defunding police is harmful to our community and state. The police put their lives at risk so we the people can stay safe. If the police don't do it, who will? What about officers that truly care about their communities and are fighting to keep their neighbors safe? Do we destroy the 95% of officers because of the 5%? If we took that tactic in all cases concerning race, religion, and education where would we be? We have to trust in the majority and punish those who do wrong. In the case of George Floyd, the officers were dealt with and are recieving the punishment they deserve. It doesn't justify what happened and never will, but crime throughout our country is sadly rampant among all races and color. How could defunding the police ever make this situation better? It won't!!! Can't we all just be more kind and respectful of each other?!

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6/15/2020 17:07	Jan Bigelow	<p>Hi Rep Rogers, I appreciate you taking the time to read this email. I am a constituent of yours and voted for you in the last election. I feel strongly about some recent events and feel the need to share my thoughts. I would also appreciate knowing where you stand on these issues; please reply to this email. I have been very disappointed in the recent response from the SLC Council to the events related to "systemic racism" and a local officer-involved shooting that is under investigation. I recognize that there is a lot of pressure to find solutions to the claims of systemic racism in our local police department, but I have not seen or heard evidence that this exists. Our own Police Chief stated as much, and I'm sure this can be backed by evidence if someone took the time to look into this. Just because a person or group of people say there is systemic racism doesn't make it reality; there must be evidence to back this up. Certainly there are mistakes made from time to time in the police department, but that does not mean that they are racist. Stating that there is "systemic racism" in our police department is unfounded and an insult to the good men and women that serve our community in this capacity. I feel the efforts of the City Council to de-fund the police are counterproductive and misguided. PLEASE support the police department in their efforts to keep our community and citizens safe. They are being asked to do so much right now and de-funding their efforts will likely prove destructive to our community. The recent shooting is still under investigation and typically officer-involved shootings are found justified once all the evidence is examined, contrary to initial public opinion. Please be a leader in allowing the justice system to run its course and not amplify the initial public outcry. I know there are many more people that feel the same as me. I hope you will consider these comments and I would appreciate a reply email from you, as this is an important issue to me and our community. Thank you, Jan Bigelow Sent from Mail <https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=550986> for Windows 10</p>

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6/15/2020 17:08	Jeff Kleinman	<p>Hello, My name is Jeff Kleinman, I'm a resident of Salt Lake City district 5, and I'm here to say that I STRONGLY disagree with the new proposed police budget. -I DISAGREE with using \$687,000 for body cameras and tasers for every officer. -I DISAGREE with using \$93,000 to add technology to police vehicles. -I DISAGREE with using \$322,000 for every officer to get "enhanced" de-escalation training. -I DISAGREE with using the CARES Act to hire 3 victim advocates at \$80,798 each. -I DISAGREE with ALL of this because the total comes to an INCREASE of \$1,344,394. I demand that there's absolutely NO spending on the above statements. I demand that there's NO new hires in the police department for the next year. I demand that there will be a \$30 million budget cut to the SLCPD. I listened to the city council meetings, and this proposed budget straightforwardly goes AGAINST what the people of Salt Lake had to comment. it's truly frightening to see how ready Utah is to militarize its own People'so quickly, and how UNPREPARED we are for a health crisis. Since we are in a global health crisis, the MOST APPROPRIATE way to allocate the proposed budget cut of \$30 million from the SLCPD, is to go to ALL HEALTH CARE SECTORS in SLC. I also demand that we allocate money to housing for homeless, to such places as Shelter the Homeless, Young Men's Transition Home, and Rescue Mission of Salt Lake. There MUST be resources readily available for the homeless, at LEAST a place to go to the bathroom, AT LEAST DURING THIS PANDEMIC. The homeless absolutely need a significant increase in resources, such as mental/ physical health care and housing, especially with the rise of COVID-19. I do not want an increase to the police budget just so they can "de-escalate" and surveillance the homeless. Surveillancing the homeless doesn't help fix ANYTHING. Do not benefit the police. Hold them accountable. Bernardo Palacios was not the only person of color killed by the hands of SLCPD (such as Darrien Hunt, Bobby Duckworth, Patrick Harmon, Elijah Smith, and Dillon Taylor. They were all black, and all killed by Salt Lake City police, and none of them received justice.). I demand justice for all of those names listed above. I demand all police officers involved in all those murders are charged and fired from their current positions. I do not feel safe if those policemen still have power. Thank you, I really appreciate you for taking the time to read this.</p>

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6/15/2020 17:10	Jessica Perry	<p>Hello, My name is Jess Perry, I'm a resident of SLC, and I'm here to say that I STRONGLY disagree with the new proposed police budget. -I DISAGREE with using \$687,000 for body cameras and tasers for every officer. -I DISAGREE with using \$93,000 to add technology to police vehicles. -I DISAGREE with using \$322,000 for every officer to get "enhanced" de-escalation training. -I DISAGREE with using the CARES Act to hire 3 victim advocates at \$80,798 each. -I DISAGREE with ALL of this because the total comes to an INCREASE of \$1,344,394. I demand that there's absolutely NO spending on the above statements. I demand that there's NO new hires in the police department for the next year. I demand that there will be a \$30 million budget cut to the SLCPD. I listened to the city council meetings, and this proposed budget straightforwardly goes AGAINST what the people of Salt Lake had to comment. it's truly frightening to see how ready Utah is to militarize its own People'so quickly, and how UNPREPARED we are for a health crisis. Since we are in a global health crisis, the MOST APPROPRIATE way to allocate the proposed budget cut of \$3 million from the SLCPD, is to go to ALL HEALTH CARE SECTORS in SLC. I also demand that we allocate money to housing for homeless, to such places as Shelter the Homeless, Young Men's Transition Home, and Rescue Mission of Salt Lake. I work as a landscaper, and my coworker stepped in human shit on accident working in the backyard of an art gallery downtown. There MUST be resources readily available for the homeless, at LEAST a place to go to the bathroom, AT LEAST DURING THIS PANDEMIC. THE VERY LEAST. I do not want an increase to the police budget just so they can "de-escalate" and surveillance the homeless. Surveillancing the homeless doesn't help fix ANYTHING. (I will also add here that adding money to increase technology in police vehicles is absolutely ridiculous and unnecessary. Why on earth would that benefit the citizens of Salt Lake City? Why?). My partner lives on 300 E, off of South Temple. Things were getting aggressive and scary with the homeless a few weeks back, but all that was done about it was police putting up a solar powered surveillance camera. *Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Jessica Perry	<p>*Continued 2/2* All this did was temporarily push the homeless a block away. The homeless absolutely need a significant increase in resources, such as mental/ physical health care and housing, especially with the rise of COVID-19. I felt unsafe with that police solar powered surveillance camera. Surveillance doesn't benefit anyone, unless that power is in the hands of a mental health care worker, NOT IN THE HANDS OF A MILITARIZED FORCE. Thank you, I really appreciate you for taking the time to read this. I hope that you, a person in position of power and change, will truly listen to your citizens. I hope that listening to comments will actually inspire you to better benefit the citizens of Salt Lake in the very near future. Do not benefit the police. Hold them accountable. Bernardo Palacios was not the only person of color killed by the hands of SLCPD (such as Darrien Hunt, Bobby Duckworth, Patrick Harmon, Elijah Smith, and Dillon Taylor. They were all black, and all killed by Salt Lake City police, and none of them received justice.). I demand justice for all of those names listed above. I demand all police officers involved in all those murders are charged and fired from their current positions. I do not feel safe if those policemen still have power. I demand that you benefit your local citizens, and I demand that you defund the SLCPD by at least \$30 million. Thank you. -Jess Perry</p>

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6/15/2020 17:13	Jesse Kohn	<p>Dear Councilwoman Fowler, I'm a resident of Salt Lake City and a graduate student at the University. I'm writing to you today to urge you to vote AGAINST the proposed new police budget that the city council is set to vote on this Tuesday. I recognize and applaud the council for listening to the people of Salt Lake city's urgent demand that something change, but am heartbroken and frustrated to find that the proposed "solution" is to allocate more funds to the SLCPD. This is absolutely unacceptable. \$687,000 for body cams and tasers? \$93,000 for adding technology to police vehicles? \$322,000 for enhanced de-escalation training? \$242,394 for victim advocates? The people of SLC have come to raise our voices together to demand that you, our representatives, defund the police. Instead you give them an extra \$1,344,394? The people grl've for the murders of our fellow citizens, and you reward their murderers more funding? While I understand that these additions are supposed to increase "transparency," that is, frankly, not what we are asking for. What we are asking for is a world without an armed militancy patrolling our communities determining who and who doesn't have the right to breathe. We are asking for a world where being Black, Brown, or Indigenous in our great city isn't likely to be a lethal offense. We don't want the police to operate with greater transparency, we don't want them to operate at all. What good would transparency have done for our community member Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal? That he would have been murdered transparently? Is that justice? There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension.</p> <p>*Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Jesse Kohn	<p>*Continued 2/2* Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I write in the wake of Minneapolis' city council's pledge to dismantle its police department and reallocate that funding into a different vision for how we go about restoring and protecting justice. Days before Minneapolis lost George Floyd to the pandemic of police brutality against Black and Brown and Indigenous people, our city lost Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal. A week after Minneapolis' leadership committed to begin to do the rational thing?which is not to give their police more resources to commit murders, nor even toreform the department in the hopes that they'd kill less, but abolishing them altogether, just as we abolished slavery in 1833?one week after Minneapolis pledged to do the right thing, I urge you to be brave enough to listen to the citizens who elected you and follow in Minneapolis' footsteps, as L.A. and NYC both have taken actions to do. I sincerely hope you do everything you can to urge the council to support the real change the people you represent are asking for. I urge you to defund the police. If not?and if you actually bell've in democracy?you will have abnegated your power to represent the people. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with performative gestures, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Jesse Kohn</p>

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	Jessica Rollins	<p>.The first amendment gives us the right to: "Amendment I- Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances." That right was in question when protesters were disbursed by the police using militant tactics. These protests are events to shine light on police abusing their power, especially against people of color, then only to be abused by police using rubber bullets and tea gas. I recently read that rubber bullets are considered by experts to be dangerous and should only be used against "an extremely dangerous crowd" (Brit'sh Medical Journal, 2020) "A study <https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/7/12/e018154> published in 2017 in BMJ Open found that 3% of people hit by rubber bullets died of the injury. Fifteen percent of the 1,984 People'studied were permanently injured by the rubber bullets, also known as ?kinetic impact projectiles.? Rubber bullets should be used only to control ?an extremely dangerous crowd,?. I also understand that tea gas can increase the spread of the CoronaVirus which Utah has seen an increase of cases by +93% since two weeks ago (NPR, CoronaVirus Mapping State by State, 2020). These aggressive actions against mostly peaceful protests are extremely upsetting. Especially when we just recently had other protests in Utah (the capitol building) where people armed with assault rifles protested the closure of businesses during the pandemic. I cannot understand why protestors who have the capability to kill people with weapons that have "The Colt AR-15 use 20- or 30-round staggered-column detachable box magazines <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/STANAG_magazine> " (Colt Manufacturing LLC) could have protested without any response from our police service- while people with little to no weapons could be treated with such military force. The use of military-like tactics of calling in the national guard, helicopters and armored vehicles in our own community, only increased feelings of the police being a force against the citizens. The police should only use their power to protect and SERVE the people they're paid by. I have personally never had a problem with the police. *Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Jessica Rollins	<p>*Continued 2/2* I have two brothers-in-law that serve in law enforcement and a sister who was a corrections officer at a state prison in California. But just because my experience has been unaffected, I cannot deny the statistics of police brutality against the people they are sworn to protect. I am asking that the Police department be defunded, and that the police be held accountable for their violent actions against citizens. I want the I'vestment of funds to be diverted to the root cause of problems in our community: better education for Utahns, a health system that supports those with mental disabilities and a social worker supported system to reach out to those in need. It isn't fair for the police to be responsible for a community's every need, from a call on domestic abuse, to writing a speeding ticket, to I'vestigating a homicide, to assisting a mentally disturbed citizen. All of these need various answers, the police cannot be the one answer to every disturbance of public order. We need to defund the police and I'vest in the broader issues that make up a community. Utah says it is a place of peace, where you can raise a family in safety. Yet numbers don't lie. Those statistics show the police have an extreme bias when it comes to imprisoning minorities, "More Utah minorities were sentenced to prison in 2017 than ever before, data show" (Salt Lake Tribune, 2018, https://www.sltrib.com/news/2018/02/19/more-utah-minorities-were-sentenced-to-prison-in-2017-than-ever-before-data-show/) . Just because I as a white female am mostly not affected by the actions of the law enforcement here in Utah, I cannot remain silent while others are being systematically removed from society. We need to defund the Salt Lake City Police Department. First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out?because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out? because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out?because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me?and there was no one left to speak for me. -Martin Niemöller, 1946 Thank you for your time, Jessica R. Rollins</p>

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6/15/2020 17:17	Therese Boter	<p>I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,</p>

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6/15/2020 17:19	Jennifer Danforth	<p>Hello Council Member Mano, I am writing to urge you to NOT I'vest any more money into the Salt Lake Police Department. As you have seen, the police department in SLC, along with all of the police departments across the country, are not functioning to protect and serve it's people. They respond to a multitude of situations for which they are not properly trained or prepared, resulting in the unnecessary harm and death of innocent people, particularly Black and brown individuals. Policereform and extra trainings have not been successful in other cities, so we are not convinced they will be successful in SLC. There are numerous other ways to I'vest this money, that actually prop up our communities and those in need of real support, such as education and medical care, among others. Supporting and funding organizations that already have trained and experienced individuals that are ready to respond to situations that do not require police intervention is a great way to actually protect and serve the people of Salt Lake City. Please consider the requests of your constituents to NOT I'vest more money into the SLCPD. Police do NOT need more body cameras - they do not currently responsibly and reliably use them anyway. There are individuals and organizations that are already experienced in de-escalation techniques, consider I'vesting in these resources as options for intervention, rather than spending money on training police. SLC does not need more police officers, please maintain the hiring freeze throughout the year and focus on defunding the police. Thank you for hearing our concerns.</p> <p>Sincerely, Jennifer Danforth</p>

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6/15/2020 17:13	Joan Gregory	Dear City Council, My name is Joan Gregory and I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we say that NOW is the time for you to say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. A \$30 million budget cut is what is required - redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote, it's starts with YOU. Be the transformative change that is required of us at this time. Joan Joan M. Gregory
6/15/2020 17:11	Jeremy Noring	Hi Darin, my name is Jeremy Noring; I'm writing to you in strong opposition to the additional funding for SLCPD. We should be re-envisioning how policing in salt lake city works in a fundamental way, and not band-aiding a broken system of policing. I'm terribly disappointed in the council's lack of vision here, and I'll vote accordingly in upcoming elections. I appreciate your public service, and thank you for your time.
6/15/2020 17:19	Tom Santoro	Hello Mayor Mendenhall, First, let me say that I do not envy your position. I cannot imagine the stress you are under, but with that comes the opportunity (and responsibility!) to drive positive change in our community. I appreciate you and the transparency you have created around your position (i.e. your Instagram account has been a great source of information). To get specific, my name is Tom Santoro, I am a resident of Salt Lake City, and I am concerned about the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I am writing to let you know that I support drastic cuts to the SLCPD, by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also support a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I support the Black Lives Matter movement and bell've these changes will be a positive change to our community.

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6/15/2020 17:12	Jessica Loveland	<p>Dear Ana Valdemoros, I am aghast at learning of the proposed budget increase for the police. To discuss the points of increase: Body cams can be switched off. Without any method of accountability held by a third party, they're essentially useless. The killing of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal proves that even with body cams, people will still be extrajudicially murder. If the police department has the ability to review whether turning off the body cam was okay or not, then you are keeping power with the people who have a vested interest in ruling something okay. Even with the \$93,000 used to install technology in police cruisers to automatically turn on the camera is meaningless if accountability isn't present. Will the officers be able to manually turn off the body cams? Who will be reviewing the footage? These are questions left unanswered and leave me very uneasy. De-escalation training is also not helpful if it's not followed through. Remember, NYPD banned the specific type of choke hold used on Eric Garner, and the officer was allowed to keep a job, in a reduced capacity, and a grand jury did not indict the officer. In my area of work, education, we receive anywhere from 2-4 years of schooling for education (depending on the degree being pursued). Many of our classes focus on diversity, recognizing our own internal biases, and how to approach students we do not share much in common with. Even then, even after all that schooling, there are STILL teachers with biases. De-escalation training WILL NOT WORK if the participants refuse to take to heart what they've learned. Do not treat people like criminals before they've even committed a crime. Please spend this money on programs meant to improve the community, on mental and social health, on education. Research has shown that when the People's needs are met, there is less crime overall. Meet the needs of Salt Lake City, and you do not need to spend money on a police force intent on brutalizing the citizens they are meant to protect. From, Jessica Loveland</p>

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6/15/2020 17:15	Joanna Ramirez	<p>I am a resident of Salt Lake City District 23. I am a student at the University of Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. Growing up the police were never able to de-escalate the situations I went through. The funding should go into social workers, mental health counseling, education services, and low-income suffering communities instead of police who create fear for innocent people of color. The police has never made me feel safe during times I was in danger. BLACK LIVES MATTER. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well-documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,</p> <p>Joanna Ramirez</p>

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6/15/2020 17:15	Sevgi Fernandez	<p>Chief Mike Brown Salt Lake City Police Department We are writing regarding the recent incident at which time one of your patrolmen knocked 67-year-old James Tobin, who was alone on the street and using a cane to walk, off his feet. In Mr. Tobin's own words, "I thought they were just coming down the street and all of a sudden they came charging at me." He presented no threat, nor did he even have an opportunity to resist before the officer, showing no restraint, made contact and caused Mr. Tobin to fall to the ground. Because we rely on law enforcement officers to protect and serve us, which often includes making life-and-death decisions in the blink of an eye, they must be held to the highest standards of behavior. We understand that the officer involved has been removed from patrol duties while the incident is investigated, and we ask that this investigation be both thorough and unbiased. We will be contacting the District Attorney, the Mayor and the City Council, as we want to ensure that accountability and transparency are upheld throughout the Salt Lake City government. We call on you, Chief Brown, to assure that the entire Salt Lake City police force is trained in de-escalation tactics in regard to their interactions with the public, especially in times of stress, when adrenaline is high. We urge you to do so to prevent another such incident, and to heighten your chances of preventing one resulting in more grievous injuries, or even death.</p>

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6/15/2020 17:20	Jessica Waters	<p>Councilmember Valdemoros, Councilmember Mano, Councilmember Dugan, and Councilmember Fowler, Let me introduce myself, I am the Social Work Director for Salt Lake City police department/Community connection center. I have been working here for 4 years now and am incredibly grateful for the work I get to do day in and day out. I started here when you, as a council created our unique positions. I started as a mental health therapist before moving into my current position. I love this job and think Salt Lake city is ahead of the curve because of our program. The opinions that I am going to state are of my own and not those of the social workers or the police department. I am a Licensed Clinical Social worker and obtained my Masters in Social Work with a concentration in forensics, which focuses on the criminal justice system merged with Social work. My role as a police social worker has allowed me to have a part in advocating for many social issue matters such as mental health, substance use, homelessness, officer trainings and many more. I bell've that Black Lives Matter and that there is inequality in America and racism, there is no denying that. I also agree that officers who do wrong should pay the consequences of their wrong doing. With that being said, I don't bell've Salt Lake City Police should pay the cost of such actions of someone else. I would like to address the discussion of defunding the police department and how I feel strongly against it. As a social worker we are social justice warriors and right now I have to advocate on a side people don't expect us to advocate for, the police. My teams? day to day job consists of responding to 911 calls that are social issue related with a CIT (crisis intervention) officer who is assigned to our unit. These calls entail, mental health, substance use, homelessness and really anything you can imagine. We wear ballistic vests anytime we go out as the calls we respond to are some of the most unpredictable calls. I think it is a huge benefit to have social workers in the department and I think it isessential to have officers with us. I can?t even begin to explain the scenarios we have been in that if it hadn?t been for the officers one of us social workers or one of our clients would have died. This sounds extreme but let me explain some examples. One of our officers took a bullet, an actual bullet to his shoulder, a few inches away from his chest in order to protect a social worker. This was a mental health call to check on someone in their apartment, which happens often to get called to check on people. Upon approaching the apartment we started to get shot at. We have had multiple times where a social worker and officer are trying to talk someone down from a ledge from jumping and they wouldn't come down and were about to act when an officer risked their life to get them from the ledge without using force. I appreciate the support from Mayor Mendenhall and the council to look at ways we can grow the social work program as it is</p>

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6/15/2020 17:16	Tami Creamer	Please, DO NOT defund the Salt Lake City police department! They did a fantastic job in their control over the rioting last week in Salt Lake City and continue to do a great job, despite all of the awful things that they are getting hit with! If anything, police departments nationwide need more money allocated to them to help with better training, paying for officer's equipment (my son is a cop and has had to purchase his own bulletproof vest), and also paying officers more so that they can retain the best officers. it's hard for an officer just to support their family, especially if they are the primary breadwinner. I am all for reform" within departments, and weeding out the "bad cops", but the worst thing that we could do as a nation is to defund police departments. I am asking everyone of you to make sure that this does not happen to the Salt Lake City police department! Thank you,
6/15/2020 17:19	Wendy Aposhian	I am a business owner in Salt Lake City. We greatly rely on the police force to protect our property and 130 employees. We have called the police multiple times since we moved our business to SLC, and their services have been vital. Reducing funding to our police department will decrease safety and increase crime. If that happens, our company will be forced to look elsewhere to do business, taking the jobs and tax money we contribute along with us. There are better ways to executereform and change within law enforcement than cutting their budget. Reducing their funding will most definitely not make the city'safer for anyone. Please vote got smarter solutions. Respectfully,

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6/15/2020 17:18	Jessica Arthurs	<p>Dear Council Member Ana Valdemoros, I'd like to begin by thanking you for your work as a public servant, it is not lost on me the immense challenges you are facing in light of the ongoing pandemic and current uprising in the US that has moved throughout our home here in Salt Lake City. We've met before, at your restaurant. I was struck by how kind you were and how easy it was to talk and learn from you about a cuisine I had never tried here in Salt Lake. I love the food you make. I hope this month I can love the decisions you make as my current representative and a political leader I am looking to and relying on at this terrifying moment in history. I like you, am a graduate of the University of Utah. I will be returning there in the fall to begin law school. Throughout my education, I was taught to address complicated issues of race, social justice, and oppression through lenses outside of the ones I carry as a young, white woman. I have continued to try and adopt different lenses to analyze ongoing issues. Today, I adamantly bell've Black Lives Matter and I demand the defunding of the police, starting with the SLCPD. The police are an institution built of off white supremacy and continuing to fund them is putting our communities of color in Salt Lake City at risk. I respect you and your experience as a leader, I know dismantling systems and challenging authority is not a simple task. I ask you to be brave, I ask you to challenge the systems in our community that seek to divide, oppress, and harm. This begins with not increasing the police budget in Salt Lake City and instead cutting their budget to continue I'vesting in our community. The things that make us great are our businesses, culture and, people, not the murder of young men and women of color in our city. I hope you use your vast experience and lenses as an immigrant, mother, business owner, and woman of color in politics to address these difficult issues and protect this community. I ask you to I'vest in the things that make us a truly remarkable city, one of unity and equal opportunity to live and thrive. You have demonstrated in your leadership that you love this city and our community, please fight for it. Best, Jessica Arthurs</p>

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6/15/2020 17:18	Joey Goldsmith	<p>I am a resident of District 3. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Joey Goldsmith</p>

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6/15/2020 17:18	Julie Merrill	I am a resident of Salt Lake County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Julianna Merrill
6/15/2020 17:21	Tina Escobar Taft	I absolutly support defunding the SLC police department. That money should go to social programs instead of the police who kill more people than gang members.

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6/15/2020 17:24	Justin Strange	My name is Justin Strange and in live in Poplar Grove (84104). I don't know if you've looked out the window or have been paying attention to what's been going on in the streets. The people are in pain. We are sick of living in a state that that has the highest arrest rate per capita in the country for being a black person!!! But your blatant disregard to listen to the people of this city is despicable. The streets are burning around the world and people are asking for REAL systematic change to our city's racist, violent, militaristic police forces. And you continue to sit on your hands and do nothing! Actually worse then nothing, you want to increase the funding of our police force!!! Shame on all of you! You are all cowards! If you pass this budget as is with no significant cuts to the police buget, the people will remember. We will remember that instead of standing up for the people, you chose the side of the oppressor. DEFUND THE POLICE. Use those funds for City entities that create real change and strength of our communities!!! Thank you.

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6/15/2020 17:24	Ted Winkworth	<p>From: Ted Winkworth Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 8:10 AM To: Wharton, Chris <Chris.Wharton@slcgov.com> Subject: (EXTERNAL) Thank you for your service to the city Hi Chris, As I was planning to reach out to you about police defunding, I ended up reading your bio and looking into things that you've done in this city during your life and your career. It honestly humbled me and made me think about how easy it is to protest and get fired up about a hot button issue and how hard it is to devote your life to civic service while people basically just get mad at you and accuse you of not doing anything. So I just want to say thank you to you and to the rest of the council members who I'm sure have had the hardest few weeks of your lives (so far). I don't know where you stand fully on the police budget but I do bell've you and the rest of the council are truly seeking to do the right thing. One thing I did want to let you know, in response to a quote I read in the Salt Lake Tribune about how we are more progressive than the Minneapolis police, is that we are doing worse than anyone in the country. Dead last. Racism, sexism, homophobia, and all kinds of non white hatred are built into the fabric of this state because all of it built into the basic tenants of the religion this state was founded on. it's subtle. it's even kind at times. To me, Utah racism is a lot scarier than Mississippi racism because it's so institutionalized. it's easy to chase down a lynch mob. it's hard to know who is working out their latent hatred through their public service job. Despite a lot of good intentions, the outcome tells the story. We're doing the worst (see below). Salt Lake City might feel removed from Ferguson, Minneapolis, and Louisville but the truth is that our city is doing racism better than anyone. And the police are the traditional protectors. Im sure know all of this, and you've heard enough from everyone, and I'm sure your inbox is flooded. I stand by what I said at the top. I'm proud to live in this city and I'm proud to be represented by this city council. Thanks for the hard work you do and thanks for listening.</p>

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6/15/2020 17:26	Josh Hays	Dear Salt Lake Council Members I am writing to make my voice heard with regards to the recent uprising of racial discord in our country. I recognize that there are challenges with regards to policing and the potential for officers to allow their own prejudices harm and even deny the liberties of people of color. As a white, male I won't pretend to understand the additional burdens that people of color bear on a regular basis. However, my stance is that better training, increased officer accountability and public outreach are far better ways to combat the problem than defunding. Perhaps eliminating the Police union would be a step in the right direction. Unions have a way of hiding bad employees, removing accountability and lowering work standards that the rest of us are held to. I candidly admit that I have been silent and overlooked racial issues throughout my life. I am not quite sure what I can do but I am saddened by the way we as humans treat each other. We certainly need to make changes. But to defund our police seems to be an overtly obuse reaction to the problem. As a citizen of the great state of Utah and the incredible city of Salt Lake, I call on this council to make rational decisions that get to the root of the problem and not react to loud voices that don't understand just how dangerous some ideas could be for all citizens. I don't envy your position at this time. You are under immense pressure to solve an incredibly difficult challenge. I pray that you will be given wisdom beyond your own capacities to ennact change that improves the safety of our community and brings us closer as human beings.
6/15/2020 17:40	Ocia Gillette	the fact you're still even considering this after everything we've gone through the last few weeks is heinous. We the people of Salt Lake DEMAND you defend the police and use those funds elsewhere in the city, to our marginalized groups and our most vulnerable communities. House and feed our homeless, extend COVID testing and care, help out our underfunded schools. Prove you actually deserve those seats you were voted into and LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE, or you may as well resign.

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6/15/2020 18:03	Kate Black	I rec'l'ved an email asking me to share my comments online, as I gave input on the SLC FY 2021 budget...my input wasessentially PLEASE DEFUND the SLC Police Department, and reallocate that money to education and social and behavioral/addiction programs. This is still my input. Please listen to the wave of voices across the country right now and do NOT spend MORE money on the police budget, even if it is for so-called improvementsreform.reform has not worked in the past. Please do not spend our tax dollars on the police department. We do not want it. We want actual sustainable change, to work on the root of the problem and not the symptoms. SLC could be a great example to the rest of the country. Thank you.
6/15/2020 18:04	Anonymous Constituent	use the funds for schools, or housing now thats is getting more expensive to find a good location in salt lake
6/15/2020 18:09	Elizabeth Wong	it is imperative that we continue thinking about ways to defund the police to make room in the budget to address housing for the homeless, healthcare measures, and education that will benefit all communities and provide safer measures that don't endanger the black and racialized populations here.
6/15/2020 18:10	Kayla Harris	I ask the city listen to the leaders and representatives of Utah's Black Lives Matter chapter and implement their recommendations for reallocating the SLCPD budget towards services and away from traditional 'policing' activities.

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6/15/2020 18:11	Anonymous Constituent	It is positively abhorrent that the city council would even consider raising the police budget for the next fiscal year. I have attended multiple protests in Salt Lake City, and have found the protestors to be nothing but peaceful, meanwhile law enforcement is armed to the teeth with riot gear and assault style weapons, even going so far as to parade armored military vehicles through the streets. What the city needs is absolutely NOT an increase in police budget, but an immediate and significant decrease in police budget, to be rel'vested in community programs for our most vulnerable populations, and addressing crime at its cause: lack of resources and support throughout an individual's development which leaves said individual feeling as though they have no option but to turn to crime. An increase or even sustainment of the current police budget serves only to show the residents of the city that the council is not only uninterested in helping us live and thrive peacefully, but is instead interested in threatening citizens into submission with a militaristic police force. This is an unethical and unacceptable use of taxpayer funds, and I implore you to prioritize your citizens with a more effective and empathetic approach.

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6/15/2020 18:12	Elsa Dillman	Hello again, As a resident of Salt Lake City for most of my life, again, I am asking the city council not to increase the SLCPD budget. We called for a decrease in funding, not reform. We do not want more body cameras, or other technology. This does not help the community. Funding for the police has increased year and year again, with no result on "better" policing. It is a drain to keep increasing funds without result. Money would be better spent on community development. Particularly in social services. We cannot as a city keep the act that policing is fair across the board. If we look at the data of police brutality, incarceration, and police killings - there is a major discrepancy across racial and economic lines. Studies show that reform, increased budgets, do nothing to address these issues. Let's invest in the community. Let's work to address poverty and racism as a public health crisis, not a public safety issue. Let's make the community safer for ALL the residents, not just the white and affluent. Treating poverty and racism with overt violence and punitive measures, doesn't work. We've been trying to make this approach work for decades in this country, let's try something new. I'm not asking for a total reduction, change takes time, but the police department is better funded than all other aspects of the city. I'm asking, again, that the city council reevaluate this. If we want to address public safety, we need to look at the root of the cause, rather than introduce armed police officers to our most vulnerable residents at their most vulnerable moments. Thanks. I hope the council listens to the residents of SLC and revisits the SLCPD budget.
6/15/2020 18:14	Jana Fowers	I support the Council supporting our Police Department in every way possible. We have a great police force in Salt Lake City. I have personally observed one officer very kindly working with the homeless. I have seen other officers patiently working with a man who was suffering from a manic episode and very unruly. But they calmed him down, were able to get him into an ambulance and to the hospital. I have great confidence that a well trained police force will help keep our city's streets safe and peaceful. Thank you very much.

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6/15/2020 18:22	Julia Alcox	Let's involve the community in this conversation as I still feel we are not being heard. Please, do not increase the police budget. Budgets convey priorities; by increasing the police budget and reducing the education budget you are prioritizing criminalizing the state over educating them. The lack of training to enter into the police force compared to other developed countries is abhorrent. Reduce the number of cops, increase social awareness trainings, and implement de-escalation training to prevent cops from resulting to violence when the situation isn't properly assessed. This is our chance as a state to move forward and learn as new information arises to set a precedent of how we treat our neighbors.
6/15/2020 18:24	Olivia Robson	I urge you to defund the SLCPD and reallocate their funding to increased housing, education, and mental health resources for our community. The police do not keep People'safe; please instead work to develop programs filled with resources and trained professionals instead of expecting the police to handle any and all issues. This is particularly a problem in Utah because while Black individuals make up only approximately 1% of the population, they represent ~10% of those killed by the police. This is unacceptable and SLCPD has proven itself unable to respond to the needs of our community. Please, please, please defund SLCPD and do not allocate any budgetary increases to their department.
6/15/2020 18:23	Sandra Lucas	Defunding the police is a terrible idea. These men and women put themselves in harm's way and need our back up. We can effect social changes without putting law enforcement in danger. I have already email my council woman regarding this issue and never heard back. Chauvin and others like him do not represent the great majority of the good police officers. So lets not pander to those who would use the murder of George Floyd to create more chaos in our society.

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6/15/2020 18:27	Taylor Wright	it's important for the council to understand that the minor adjustments to the police budget being proposed are insufficient to the scale of the problem. The people of this city will not be placated with symbolic gestures designed to provide a facade of progress in place of meaningful change. A humane society would significantly fund access to health, housing, & food services as a proactive measure against crime instead of denying us even the most basic social safety system & relying on a militarized police force to brutalize the desperate & alienated people that necessarily result from this arrangement. Who runs this city? Does the elected city council run this city, or do the cops? We don't vote for them, we vote for you. Face this opportunity with cowardice and we will not forget it.
6/15/2020 18:38	Natalie Overn	please look into defunding the police budget and make changes to help rehabilitate our homeless population and put more money into the communities experiencing poverty.
6/15/2020 18:32	Dawn Davis	Dear SLC city council, I hope that you will take the public majority's feelings into account and reallocate police funds to hire more social workers, educators, mental health counselors, and fire fighters. Please put more money into the communities most at risk. There are better trained individuals that can absorb many tasks that are currently under the umbrella of "policing". Thank you for your time.
6/15/2020 18:33	Anna Coltrin	Hello, My name is Anna Coltrin. I live in Salt Lake City. I writing this comment to talk about some potential amendments to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I wanted to express my anger and frustration with the proposed addition to funds given to the SLCPD'so that they can receive more body cams, tasers, and ?tech? for their squad cars. These are proven to not be effective in stopping police brutality, like we have seen with murder of Bernardo Palacios Carbajal and many others. I demand that this money not be added to the already egregious \$84 million SLCPD budget. This council has completely ignored the request of its constituents. This money would be much better spent on education and services that actually enhance our community rather than on the SLCPD which we have already seen will only make our community more dangerous. You have the power to listen to the people to help ys create a better society. I sincerely hope you do not waste this opportunity. Listen to your constituents. Thank you for your time, Anna Coltrin

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6/15/2020 18:36	Gerry Leonard	I strongly urge SLC Council against defundinfg the SLCPD. This department has shown patience and understanding in dealing with violent and destructive protests in our city. Reducning their budget will result in longer response times to emergency calls, endangering our citizens and officers.
6/15/2020 18:44	Anonymous Constituent	There have been protests for 2 straight weeks showing you that the people want to defund the police, yet their budget is increasing? AND it's triple the community and neighborhood development budget, which is being decreased? Unacceptable. There is a problem in our community and by increasing the police funding and decreasing community funding you are complicit. You have the power to make positive changes. That is what we expect from you. Listen to the voices of the people in our state who have had their voices oppressed for far too long. Fix the budget. Defund the police and start seriously funding the programs that benefit the health and wellness of the people of SLC.
6/15/2020 18:50	Jill Fowers	Please keep the budget as proposed and do not cut the police budget. Our officers with the Salt Lake City Police Department are amazing human beings and do not deserve to be punished. They need more support and more funding in order to do their job to the best of their ability. As someone who works in downtown Salt Lake, I want to feel safe. Our officers are hurting and discouraged right now. I'm afraid if their budget gets slashed, we will start losing them. Please keep the proposed budget.
6/15/2020 18:57	John Patrick McKenna	Absolutely do NOT increase ANY amount of funding to our proven corrupt police system. All these funds should be directed to serve real working class people with real needs. No additional resources should even be considered for any police force until its methods, members, and motives are fundamentally rebuilt from scratch ? in direct response to the worldwide civil rights protests happening as we speak. Other cities are doing it. Are we less able?
6/15/2020 18:54	Anonymous Constituent	Please increase community and neighborhood developement budget. Please increase the public education budget. Please defund the police budget.

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6/15/2020 18:56	Michael Paulsen	<p>Hi, My name is Michael Paulsen and I'm a resident of Salt Lake City, id like to communicate that I STRONGLY disagree with the newly proposed police budget. -I DISAGREE with using \$687,000 for body cameras and tasers for every officer. -I DISAGREE with using \$93,000 to add technology to police vehicles. -I DISAGREE with using \$322,000 for every officer to get "enhanced" de-escalation training. -I DISAGREE with using the CARES Act to hire 3 victim advocates at \$80,798 each. -I DISAGREE with ALL of this because the total comes to an INCREASE of \$1,344,394. I demand that there's absolutely NO spending on the above statements. I demand that there's NO new hires in the police department for the next year. I demand that there will be a \$30 million budget cut to the SLCPD. I listened to the city council meetings, and this proposed budget straightforwardly goes AGAINST what the people of Salt Lake had to comment. it's truly frightening to see how ready Utah is to militarize its own People'so quickly, and how UNPREPARED we are for a health crisis. Since we are in a global health crisis, the MOST APPROPRIATE way to allocate the proposed budget cut of \$30 million from the SLCPD, is to go to ALL HEALTH CARE SECTORS in SLC. I also demand that we allocate money to housing for homeless, to such places as Shelter the Homeless, Young Men's Transition Home, and Rescue Mission of Salt Lake. There MUST be resources readily available for the homeless, at LEAST a place to go to the bathroom, AT LEAST DURING THIS PANDEMIC. The homeless absolutely need a significant increase in resources, such as mental/ physical health care and housing, especially with the rise of COVID-19. I do not want an increase to the police budget just so they can "de-escalate" and surveillance the homeless. Surveillancing the homeless doesn't help fix ANYTHING. Do not benefit the police. Hold them accountable. Bernardo Palacios was not the only person of color killed by the hands of SLCPD (such as Darrien Hunt, Bobby Duckworth, Patrick Harmon, Elijah Smith, and Dillon Taylor. They were all black, and all killed by Salt Lake City police, and none of them received justice.). I demand justice for all of those names listed above. I demand all police officers involved in all those murders are charged and fired from their current positions. I do not feel safe if those policemen still have power. Thank you, I really appreciate you for taking the time to read this.</p>

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6/15/2020 19:05	Michaela Sudweeks	Dear Ana Valdemoros: My name is Michaela Sudweeks and I am a resident & educator in Salt Lake City. I am writing to you today to express my concerns about the recent budget proposal for the SLCPD. While I understand that the \$1,344,394 increase for the upcoming fiscal year is driven by a desire to make the SLCPD more transparent in expanded use of body cams & de-escalation training programs, I bell've that this money will fail to correct a system that simply asks police officers to wear too many hats. Instead of I'veesting this money in a place that will not correct our current system, I would encourage this funding to instead go towards proven organizations that help our community like mental health centers, after school programming, and education. As an educator currently working at a title 1 school, I can tell you that in order to best assist the young people in our community, we need to BUILD community through education, not policing. Thank you for your time, Michaela Sudweeks

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6/15/2020 19:06	Mikah Lindquist	<p>My name is Kim R. Lindquist. I am a former Federal prosecutor of over 40 years of national and international law enforcement experience. To defund or even abolish police departments in favor of alternative social responses to crime and other community needs would be a grave mistake. Law enforcement challenges that are as old as law enforcement itself. There is no doubt that excessive use of police force too often occurs?even grotesque cases?but to defund or abolish police departments in response is just as excessive. Such drastic action denies the reality of social conflict and crime and the absolute need of police law enforcement. It denies the reality of appropriate behavior by the vast majority of law enforcement officers in the vast majority of those most difficult of social situations. It denies the proper relationship between police law enforcement and the law abiding community in preventing and otherwise addressing crime. This does not mean that there'shouldn't be some form of drastic action taken, as particular departments and circumstances require. However, that action should take the form of thoughtful and penetrating reevaluation and adjustment of the law enforcement paradigm?what it means to be a good police officer; the mentality and methodology of law enforcement as opposed to mere law force. In so doing, the police officers that do it right should be looked to. The many?including the community?should not be punished for the sins of a few. Rather, the sins of the few should rightfully prompt reevaluation of all according to proper principles in making individual and collective adjustments. The baby need not be thrown out with the bathwater. Sincerely, Kim Lindquist</p>

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6/15/2020 19:07	Michelle Huggins	<p>I am a lifelong resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,</p> <p>Michelle Huggins</p>

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6/15/2020 19:08	Mike Monk	Dear City Council, My name is Michael Monk and I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote.
6/15/2020 19:07	Allie Salazar	I respectfully request that the council consider defunding our police budget by \$30 million, and rel'vest that money into supporting mental health, crisis, and homelessness outreach/support.
6/15/2020 19:09	Anonymous Constituent	Mayor and Council Members, As a concerned Citizen whose family has owned a business in Salt Lake for over 50 years and who frequently comes to Salt Lake City for entertainment and business dealings, I ask you to reconsider cutting the Salt Lake police force budget. During these times of uncertainty we need education and understanding not rash acts. Defunding or cutting back on the police force budget only will accentuate many problems. We need the finest women and men on our police force. They need support in training, education and counseling. If anything, I think these amazing people need pay raises for what they are expected to do and endure on a daily basis. Without their professional care, I am afraid for what Salt Lake City will become. Do not be politically motivated for something that needs to be people motivated. Please make your decisions wisely! With respect, Paulette Russon Bierwolf

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6/15/2020 19:11	Anonymous Constituent	I do not approve of the decision to increase the police budget, even if those increases are going into the training of officers. The police DO NOT need more funding, in fact, there'should be significant funding taken from the police and used elsewhere to help the community. Salt Lake City has a great deal of problems relating to the lack of resources for our homeless and impoverished communities. I demand Salt Lake City Council starts taking responsibility for the rehabilitation of its community members in need. I bell've this would in turn help lower crime rates in the city, giving even less need for such a bolstered police force. Do the right thing and begin defunding andreforming the police.

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6/15/2020 22:36	Michaela Lyon	<p>I urge all members of the council to personally consider the full implications of the power that defunding the police can have in building stronger, safer communities within Salt Lake City and throughout all of Utah. By reallocating funds that would typically be used to train current officers or hire new officers to organizations that are already trained to help those dealing with domestic violence issues, substance issues, homelessness issues, mental health issues, etc., we can help these underfunded organizations grow and flourish to better serve our communities and even work alongside our police departments to create task forces of professionals that are fully equipped to address issues commonly handled by police officers. Involving professionals from social service organizations, those dealing with these and similar issues can call the proper authorities without fear of being arrested with no treatment and instead have the potential for advising and rehabilitation that would help them thrive in their communities versus immediately facing economic and mental hardships in a courtroom or in prison. This adjustment could even be of great benefit to our police departments, as they will be less bogged down by cases and paperwork that deal with public disturbances rather than crimes, especially since the proper resolution for these disturbances often involve a great degree of psychological treatment or rehabilitation that may police have no legitimate education or training to handle. Further, transitioning funding from police budgets to these social service organizations will help us build communities that don't just fight crime, but prevent it. Prison costs our state a great deal of money and costs inmates an immense degree of emotional, economic, and physical health. Emphasizing the needs of the residents in our communities through the dedicated efforts of social service workers will build morale and overall quality of life for Utahns of all backgrounds. I am a firm bell'ver that crime is more than a lawlessness problem; it is a problem of unmet human needs. Our police are men and women of valor that wish to help our communities, but they should not bear the full mantle of our communities alone. I invite all council members to consider the suggestions associated with defunding the police not as an instant solution but as a positive step forward that, if implemented with discernment of and empathy for our wonderful city's and state's unique citizens and needs, could serve as a powerful example of strength to the rest of our nation not just in these turbulent times but for decades to come.</p>

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6/15/2020 19:17	Bailey Roberts	I am disappointed that nothing more has been set aside for mortgage and rent assistance. I don't think just hoping that we'll receive more COVID stimulus before moving money from other budgets is a good plan. The federal government isn't even telling the public who all got the money from the last stimulus passed. Based on how people are still failing to do the basics of keeping distance and wearing masks, Salt Lake is going to be hit hard in the coming months. Nothing about the virus has changed since March. Even if the "survival" rate of COVID is high, how are people going to pay for both their mortgage/rent along with the hospital bills? If you're in the hospital for a week, that's upwards of \$10k after insurance and people who are laid off or not able to find a job with benefits are doubly screwed. It also saddens me to see money is going to be given to the police for tasers when we have a significantly lower violent crime rate than almost the entire country. Money given for de-escalation training is also not needed as police officers should not be responding to incidents that they have to choose whether to act as an officer or a social worker. Our property crime rate is much higher than the national average so that's where the police should be spending most of their time and resources. Ultimately, money needs to come from somewhere in order to improve our communities and I don't bell've funding the police department with as high a budget as they have is a good use of resources. It is asking too much of the officers to do everything they're tasked to do. Cut the budget, move their responsibilities to other organizations along with the money.
6/15/2020 19:17	Anonymous Constituent	i think the police are hard workers and should not be defunded thank you!
6/15/2020 19:17	Tory Morrison	While I don't support allocating additional money to a police force that has proven inefficient and biased, the idea of an outside institution reviewing the budget to help dispose of bias could be a good step in the right direction. However this 'auditor' needs to be comprised of people of different races, genders, economics, politics, religions, etc. or we will end up back at square one. The council needs to be transparent with who[m] they choose to audit the budget so that the people you represent are fairly spoken for.

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6/15/2020 19:19	Elizabeth Sutton	I ask you to DECREASE the SLPD's budget, on top of NOT allocating an increase, and to put that money toward social service programs that assess and treat the mental health and substance abuse crisis in our city. When African Americans comprise less than 2% of our population, yet account for 10% of police killings, it is obvious that our police department is part of the problem here in America - systemic racism. You MUST act. Reduce their budget until they prove, with their sustained actions, that they are serving and protecting EVERY citizen.
6/15/2020 19:28	Amelia Wilson	Hello, and thank you for your time. I would like to request a defunding of SLCPD with a rel'vestment in more appropriate services. Such things that I would love to see recl've police funds are schools, social work programs, community development, climate/environmental/sustainability programs, drug rehab programs, housing, homeless assistance and more. I also call for a demilitarization to police and ask that we take away their guns so no more people are unlawfully killed by the police. I commented in the past that training programs be allocated money but I think we would be better served by defunding and I'vesting in better social programs. the trainings dont seem to be effective as evidenced by SLCPD's killing of unarmed people and other police killings nationwide.
6/15/2020 19:36	Kate Hulet	As a teacher in the Granite School District, I feel compelled to bring attention to the lack of trauma informed practices in our current justice system. I frequently employ trauma informed teaching tactics that are backed by research to not only stop innapropriate behaviors in my Special Ed classroom, but stop those behaviors from stopping permanently. I have learned that a person will change only when they have a healthy, loving connection with another person in their life. I do not respond with anger or frustration when I have a student acting out, instead I respond with patience and understanding and love. Our current policing system in the US and in SLC do not employ trauma informed practices and this needs to change. More resources deserve to be put into social services that are trained to respond with trauma informed practices. If we must have police officers in our city, they must at the very least receive more training and require more credentials than a few months at the academy. My students in Special Ed, who statistically are much more likely to enter the justice system, deserve more love and compassion than what our current approach to policing offers them.

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6/15/2020 19:33	Sun Kim	<p>We have had enough. The violence, racism and murder committed by the police must stop. Please redirect funding from the police department to our community. I see that the police department budget for 2020-2021 has proposed increases for Personal Services, Charges and Services, Operations and the General Fund. What are these increases for? In the case of Bernardo Palacio, how much of this money are you spending to defend the police officers who killed him? I refuse to let my hard earned money fund murderers. I understand that the police department will not be defunded completely overnight. I know that this is a long battle that we will have to fight and that this is just the beginning. That is why I propose reasonable change. Some steps to achI've that and alternate uses of the police department bduget is as follows. 1. Reevalueate the budget with scrutiny and take away the excess, especially those funds allocated to go to new equipment such as body cams, guns, tazers, handcuffs, vehicles, etc. Allocate that budget to the community (i.e. provide more resources to the homeless, provide more meals for students in impoverished areas, provide increased salaries to teachers, provide more PPEs to our healthcare workers, provide more resources to those in jails and prisons so that they are set up for success when they reenter society). 2. Retrain the police force biases with training on diversity and inclusion given by a Black Person of Color. 3. Restructure your police department and let go of unnecessary personnel. We want to see a job scope of each of your officers, with details on what they do day by day, hour by hour. If you are not adding value to society then you are not necessary. Do you how many times I have seen an abundance of police officers at ONE scene? Do you know how many officers came to a domestic violence call I had and how many of them actually did something while the rest stood and lounged around doing absolutely nothing? You mean to tell me that part of my taxes are going to these fools? We want to see action. We are tired but we will not stop fighting. PS: Please help us fire and charge the officers who shot and killed Bernardo Palacio. Did you not see the body camera footage? Did you not see the unlawful way every single one of those officers handled that situation? How are these officers not being charged with murder? At what point was this ever "self-defense"?</p>

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6/15/2020 19:43	Denise Paredes	Please I'vest in our communities, not in police. We?re seeing time and time again that police do not have the education to handle a lot of calls. How many more people do we need killed by police before we decide the way we are doing things isn't working. We?re asking you in the only way we know possible, we?re protesting, emailing and calling. We voted you in to represent our voices, and now we are asking you to do that.
6/15/2020 19:46	Rachel Nemelka	I am commenting to DEMAND decrease in police budget. There have been hundreds of comments/calls/messages/protesters calling for a DECREASE in the police budget for this upcoming fiscal year and in the years to come. If the police budget is decreased, it allows for so many more resources that help improve te community as well as give services to HELP PEOPLE. Police have proven to be escalators in confrontation and use lethal force when feeling "unsafe" (in quotes because it has now been proven that being a police officer is no more dangerous than being an ordinary citizen). PLEASE. STOP THE MURDERS. STOP OVER POLICING LOW INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS and PROFILING BLACK PEOPLE. If you do not decrease this budget, I will not rest with the complaints/demands for defunding and budgetreform. Your constituents are counting on you to make righteous decisions on their behalf, not to bend in cowardice to the already too-powerful police forces in this country. SHOW YOU ARE BRAVE ENOUGH TO STAND UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT! - Rachel McLaws
6/15/2020 19:56	Taylor Webb	Please listen to your community when we are asking you to decrease the police budget. Please I'vest this money back into our community for education, housing, healthcare and increased resources for mental health. The police have shown us time and time again that they have too much responsibility on their plate, and are not equipped to handle many different situations. Giving them money for tasers, camera and a class is not going to solve the problem. We cannot have more innocent lives taken at their hands.
6/15/2020 19:58	Brooke Young	I spend my days working in Glendale. I have spent my whole adult life working with the homeless and with people in and out of homelessness. I feel passionately that the city needs to prioritize funding social workers and victims advocates over the police. I dont think more bias training is what this situation calls for.

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6/15/2020 20:15	Shane Graham	The SLCPD has abused its power and betrayed the public trust. Its budget should be cut to the bone: certainly no more funds for riot shields, tear gas, or rubber bullets. And no raises, bonuses, or overtime pay approvals until the police have managed to go a year without shooting anyone dead. Instead of pouring money into a broken police force, the council should spend tax dollars instead on affordable housing, public health resources, social workers, and other things that will alleviate poverty rather than contributing to lawlessness and violence in our society.
6/15/2020 20:17	Lydia Hartman	I, like many other citizens of the Salt Lake City area, am deeply dissapointed by the city council's week attempts at readjusting the SLC budget to adapt to current constituent demands. We have requested, over and over, that the city council DEFUND the police department by at least 30 million dollars and REI'veST that money in key community areas (transport, healthcare, childcare, education, housing, etc). Funneling additional money into the police department under the guise of reform" will do nothing to prevent future murders of civilians at the hands of SLCPD. Policereform has never worked, and it will not work. Funneling money into an unwanted bandaid, instead of treating the wounds of our communities, is a complete miscalculation and a blatant example of disregard for constituent communication. You MUST make amends. The push for defunding, which many cities actoss this country are listening to, will not be satiated by performativereforms. We will not rest until you listen-- and we look forward to building a better future when you do.
6/15/2020 20:17	Richard Stone	Your police department is an outstanding organization and it'saddens me to see it maligned during these turbulent times. It is an excellent organization and one that the mayor and city council should be championing when one considers the problems in other areas of the country. As a family, we frequent Salt Lake City and want to feel safe. Reducing the budget for punitive reasons is short-sighted, not progressive, and will cause more problems in the long run. At a time when police agencies have been maligned, why would you destroy a great agency that has served the citizens well for puntive reasons (incidents un-related to Salt Lake City)? it's puzzling a budget reduction is even being considered. INCREASE the police budget. Respectfully, The Stone Family.

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6/15/2020 20:21	Rachel Jeppesen	I am so happy to hear that the budget was increased. This is exactly what the city needed to do. Most people don't understand the first thing about being an officer. it's so hypocritical to say that all are bad, and therefore need to be defunded. Thank you city of Salt Lake for standing strong!
6/15/2020 20:29	Jacob McLaws	I'm a white man who grew up in Park City. My whole extended family lives in Salt Lake City now in Sugarhouse and Holladay. I am deeply frustrated by the way the city council has responded to the community's call for change. I stand with the Black Lives Matter group in demanding a \$30million dollar decrease in the police budget. I implore you to take real steps to use our local government's funds to build up communities in order to PREVENT crime instead of PUNISH it. The less the police is involved, the better for the communities of color that are most over-arrested and likely to be abused. I heard several of you, including Mayor Mendenhall, speak with Doug Fabrizio on Radio West. I know you know what the public is asking. The path is clear. Now it's just your decision to stand on the right side of history or the racist side. You can help us move towards healing as a community or you can hide in your castle of privilege. No more speaking out of both sides of your mouth. No more saying you'll "listen." Actions only.
6/15/2020 20:31	Katie Webb	please reallocate police funds to other areas in our community. The police have shown us that they are not capable of handling certain situations and they are best left to other professionals. I, as a college student in Salt Lake, am requesting that you, my mayor, put money into bettering our community. You were elected to represent the voices of your city, do not let them down. This is their decision.

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6/15/2020 20:34	Ian Kilgore	Hi, thank you for continuing to solicit input from your community on this issue. I have heard that the council is considering maintaining the current level of police funding, and indeed diverting more funding to the department for body cams and implicit bias training. This would be a dire mistake. We have overwhelming evidence that these kinds of reforms simply do not work. At best, body cam footage provides family members with footage of their loved ones being shot in the back by police. At worst, cameras are off or the footage never comes to light. Either way, too often no one is held accountable. After one day of justifiable anger in the community led to minor property damage, community organizers have heeded the calls for peaceful protest. They have been marching peacefully in the streets every day for weeks. don't ignore them now. People are living in intolerable conditions and they will not be ignored or condescended to. Thank you, Ian Kilgore
6/15/2020 20:33	Matthew Raines	I believe that it is crucial that you lower the yearly budget for the SLCPD. The police state cannot be accepted any longer. If you are interested in reducing crime, I will cite when Camden New Jersey dissolved its police force and received a record decrease in crimes. Adding money to the budget helps no one except for the police themselves. I believe we should put efforts towards defunding and allocating those resources to more necessary outlets, rather than increasing the budget.

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6/15/2020 20:51	Anonymous Constituent	Dear Council Member Ana Valdemoros, I am writing to you today to ask you to seriously reconsider the city's proposed 2020-21 budget increase of 1.3 million dollars towards the Salt Lake Police Department. I bell've it is crucial for the physical and emotional wellbeing of all Salt Lake City residents that the Council adopts a 'People's Budget' that prioritizes supportive community services and redirects tax dollars away from the police-force. I am a twenty-three year old graduate from the University of Utah. As a life-long SLC inhabitant I am sorry to say this was my first time reading the city budget proposal- realizing this is just one of the many wake up calls and holes in my knowledge I've recognized so far this year. I took the time to examine the proposal closely, taking notes, and comparing figures. I feel ashamed for not activating my mind and voice in local politics more in past years, but pledge to continue to do so in my years to come as a Salt Lake City resident. I used to think that policereform was vital only in other larger cities, but have since confronted this privileged view in light of tragic incidents such as the death of Bernardo Palacios and the despicable police conduct seen in the handling of Lauren McCluskey's case (and many more). I also was shocked to learn that black people in Utah are killed at a higher disproportion than any other state. As we've seen in Utah and across the US, pastreform tactics such as de-escalation training and use of body cameras are not leading to improved conditions or positive change. The countless videos recorded by bystander witnesses as well as police body-cam footage reveal the inexcusable patterns of white supremacy deeply embedded into the American police-force. We need immediate and concrete change.*Continued 1/2*

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	Anonymous Constituent	<p>*Continued 2/2* We need to completely reconsider what public safety and social justice systems can look like? systems that utilize practices of social services, healthcare, community outreach, and empathy over practices of intimidation, surveillance, and brute force. This is not a far fetched idea! We can look to other nations and American communities as leading examples in successful alternatives to heavily armed, inadequately trained, dangerously reactive cops. At this very moment, I bell've you and your colleagues have the rare opportunity to totally reimagine new systems of public safety and criminal justice that work for everyone in Salt Lake City. In fact, we all have a unique opportunity during this tumultuous, revealing year to become visionaries working together to dismantle and thoroughly transform our current police department into a system that serves every neighborhood, race, ethnicity, income level, gender identity, sexual orientation, and age group. Thank you for your time</p>
6/15/2020 21:00	Francesca Hsieh	<p>Hello, My name is Francesca Hsieh and I live in Salt Lake City. I am commenting on some potential amendments to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I wanted to express my anger, frustration, and deep sadness with the proposed addition to funds given to the SLCPD'so that they can receive more body cams, tasers, and ?tech? for their squad cars. These are proven to not be effective in stopping police brutality, like we have seen with murder of Bernardo Palacios Carbajal and many others. I demand that this money not be added to the already egregious \$84 million SLCPD budget. I appreciate you spending the time to rethink this budget. don't let us down now. This council has completely ignored the request of its constituents. This money would be much better spent on education and services that actually enhance our community rather than on the SLCPD which we have already seen will only make our community more dangerous. Listen to your constituents. We have made clear not only what we want but what we need. We cannot take anyone's life lightly. Thank you for your time, Francesca</p>
6/15/2020 21:08	Chalea grant	<p>i demand that the police be defunded and funds allocated to community programs, now!</p>

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6/15/2020 21:10	Anonymous Constituent	The police department's bufget should be decreased and reallocated to education. it is ridiculous to compare the budgets of these two programs. Education does so much for the future of our country and the youth in Utah. The police systemically and disproportionally negatively affect people of color. When departments can afford to offer paid leave while an officer is being l'vestigated of a crime, they do not need any more money. when teachers are paying hundreds of dollars out of pocket to provide a quality education for their students, they need more money.
6/15/2020 21:10	Anonymous Constituent	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I take great pride in living here and deeply enjoy the community. I am, however, extremely dissapointed in the proposal to increase the police budget this year. I strongly appose increasing the police budget and hiring additional police force. Best case scenerio, I would like to see the police entirely defunded, and the additional funds be placed into community programs. Police brutality cannot be tolerated in Salt Lake City, and police brutality will exist so long as the police remain. Body cameras have proven in many cases and cities to not be affected. I have recently been less proud of living in Salt Lake City because I fear we are falling behind in social jusice and racial equality issues. Please consider defunding the police. Thank you, Jessica
6/15/2020 21:12	Mishael Garz	You've done the exact opposite of what THE PEOPLE have requested. decrease the police budget and instead increase mental health services, substace use recovery services, homeless and housing services, and education.
6/15/2020 21:19	madelyn madsen	The new proposed budget is outrageous. What our communities need is more l'vestment in preventing crimes (EDUCATION, healthcare, affordable housing) and not policing. Putting more money into police would be a destructive act, especially in a time where the dangers of the overfunding and militarization of the police is becoming aparent. PLEASE reconsider!
6/15/2020 21:39	Morgan Madsen	Decrease police funding and put the money into communities

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6/15/2020 21:47	Kassidy Thurston	As a Utah resident for more than 20 years, I have to step in say to please reconsider the budget proposed for the police department. It is exceedingly high compared to what is budgeted for the community and development. So much of the funding needs to go towards the educational system. This whole state is well aware of it's underdevelopment in that area and the future of our children need it, especially in the times of this global pandemic.
6/15/2020 21:50	Lucy Allen	Hello, My name is Lucy Allen and I am a recent graduate of the University of Utah. I am writing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget and consider dismantling the police department. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. We are not asking for reforms like increased transparency or equity in policing; we are asking for funds to be diverted away from the police department and redistributed. The taxpayer dollars that are currently funding a violent police force would be better spent on addressing the root issues of crime, such as affordable housing, substance abuse, and education. Thank you for your time. Lucy Allen
6/15/2020 21:51	Anonymous Constituent	Can we please stop sending armed individuals to "help" no matter the situation? Can we focus on preventing crime by putting more resources into our struggling communities?
6/15/2020 22:08	Cyan Larson	Please defund the police now. We do not want anymore names, faces, and body cam footage of people dying. De-escalation training won't work. Racial bias training won't help. The police need to decrease in size if not just be abolished. Social workers will not be replacing the police. Please use funds for the medical industry, housing, and education instead. Homeless people are dying, Native American people are dying of COVID more than other parts of the country. Please help them by giving them money instead of the cops. Imagine how much better place we would be without police. Thank you C. L.

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6/15/2020 22:09	Anonymous Constituent	I work in salt lake city, and I am commenting in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. Following the city council meeting, seeing the response of the coucil to move money to the non-departmental budge for more transparency is very frustrating. Salt Lake community members do not want body cameras or tasers. Technology won't stop the unnecesary use of force consistently shown by police. Police do not respond to descelation training. Funding for Victims advocates shows that SLPD will continue to abuse power and victimize the community. This is an unacceptable response to police aggressing and brutality. Instead, the opportunity to create and l'vest in communities that are preventative and can best manage problems that are negatively impacted by policing.
6/15/2020 22:15	Rylee Kohler	
6/15/2020 22:27	Anonymous Constituent	
6/15/2020 23:01	Lydia Kerr	Please do the right thing. The people are depending on you and we have spoken clearly. We do not wany policereform. We want them defunded and for that money to be redirected to other public safety professionals and community services. In case you haven't seen it, here's a link to a poster series about alternatives to policing: https://www.fastcompany.com/90514184/these-posters-help-you-picture-alternatives-to-policing This is what primarily convinced me to get on board with police abolition. Hopefully it will inspire you to think more creatively and ethically about this issue as well. Please do the right thing. The people have spoken.
6/15/2020 22:45	Anonymous Constituent	defund and dismantle the salt lake county police. please put the money towards things that can actually help the community like housing the homeless.
6/15/2020 22:49	Rylee Kohler	New budget propositions should be less focused on increasing police funds and more focused on bettering communities to prevent further issues. We as a community should focus more on prevention than jumping to defensive measures.
6/15/2020 23:00	Anonymous Constituent	when we said Defund the Police, we didnt mean 1.3 milliok more dollars to their department. We didnt mean new tech for cops to turn off before assaulting people. We meant move money out of the bloated police budget into housing, homeless, and small business support services. The public doesn't want more police funding, we want everything else to get more funding, at the price of lowering police budgets. Do it.

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6/15/2020 23:04	Julia Sherman	<p>City Council members and Mayor Mendenhall, I appreciate your efforts to consider the concerns of your constituents relating to police brutality in our nation, state, and city. I am aware that you proposed some changes to the SLCPD budget during the June 11th City Council meeting (1). While I recognize that you made these changes with the best intentions, I demand more from you. I am demanding a \$30 million dollar budget cut and a hiring freeze for all officers during the next fiscal year. Creating a commission dedicated to addressing police brutality and racial inequality in policing is a step in the right direction. I look forward to hearing more about this commission in the coming weeks, and I hope that it will hold officers accountable for their actions. However, "moving funds out of the Police Department for training and equipment purchases (body cameras and tech, tasers, etc.)" fails to meet the demands of your citizens. Defunding the police means reducing their budget. While reallocation of the police budget is important and should accompany police defunding, this change is not enough. De-escalation training is important, but ineffective, as was exhibited in Minneapolis and other cities across the country. What has proven to be far more effective in the case of Camden, NJ was a total dissolution of their police department, which was then rebuilt. If you have not already studied this particular case, I urge you to do so (2). While I recognize that each city is unique, I do not have faith in training a department with an entrenched culture - a department led by a chief who can say that he doesn't think that the SLCPD has a problem with implicit bias and structural racism (3). This is the same department that arrested 46 protestors on May 30, many of whom were within their rights to peacefully protest injustice, and failed to arrest a white supremacist who threatened the lives of those very same protestors with a bow and arrow. This is the same department that killed Patrick Harmon and Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal even though those officers received "extensive training [...] on implicit bias" (3). *Continued 1/3*</p>

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	Julia Sherman	<p>*Continued 2/3* Everyone has implicit biases to some extent, so to ignore the importance that bias plays in policing is dangerous. Certainly, Utah as a whole is not exceptional when it comes to a lack of racial profiling, can you honestly say the SLCPD is much better? Further, I'veesting additional funds in body cameras and tasers won't make a meaningful, positive impact. We have bodycam footage from the shooting of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal. In that footage, we hear one of the three officers involved in the pursuit'say "Tase him, tase him, tase him!" before they shoot Bernardo approximately 20 times as he runs away (4). Tasers and body cameras didn't save Bernardo's life, even though the officers were evidently equipped with tasers and had the capacity to use them. If officers will use lethal force over tasers, supplying them with tasers is useless unless you are simultaneously disarming their lethal weaponry. Additionally, bodycam footage has not led to officer accountability. Rather than reallocate funds within the department to tech that will have no positive impact, instead distribute those funds to better infrastructure and community improvement. Holding \$2.8 million in SLCPD funding is a step in the right direction. However, this falls far short of what your citizens have consistently demanded. This is a fraction of the \$30 million cut that we have asked for. The department can survive with this budget cut, seeing as this was the existing budget in 2013 (5). Crime rates have not risen dramatically in SLC over the last decade (6), and withholding a portion of the budget will likely do less to decrease crime than I'veesting those funds in the community. A rise in nonviolent crime has grown in recent years (6) as we have criminalized homelessness and reduced available resources that our homeless population depends on. If the Council is considering "mov[ing] some [community response] functions out of the department," then we will need funding for new agencies of social workers, traffic experts, sexual assault nurse examiners, caseworkers, and more who can actually address the issues that pertain to their fields, leaving police to deal with the issues that their training primarily covers: violent crime. The ban on chokeholds and the use of tear gas are good policy changes (3).</p>

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	Julia Sherman	<p>*Continued 3/3* Interest in an "ordinance requiring the public sharing of information collected by the Police Department that is of policy interest to the Council and the public" is promising (1). Setting aside \$1.7 million for l'vestment in communities of color is promising. Support for the idea that "COVID-19 related stimulus dollars received be prioritized to address community programs" is promising. An outside audit of the police department provides hope. But hope is not enough right now, we need increased action. Although I cannot find this information in your recap of the June 11th work meeting, I have seen some sources (7) indicate that increases in technology and training, as well as the hiring of 3 new victim advocates, will equate to a \$1,344,394 increase in the SLCPD budget. An increase in budget is antithetical to the requests of your constituents. I have already outlined why we should not deprive our communities of resources for the sake of technology or training aimed atreform. I support the hiring of victim advocates, but I ask that funding for those advocates come from the existing police budget, not an increase. If it is too hard to find that money in the budget, my request would be that you immediately fire the officers who killed Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal and use their salaries for the victim advocates. Has the City Council ever heard a more overwhelming response to any issue? You have received so many comments in recent council sessions that you've had to alter the timeline for publishing those comments so they can all be processed. Thousands of citizens are taking the time to write these comments to you or sit-in on meetings. Thousands more are out in the streets protesting during a pandemic. These are the citizens who will vote in upcoming elections and will not forget how you respond to this issue. If you fail in your duty to represent and advocate for your citizens, why should they trust you with re-election? Your duty is to your citizens, not UFOP. I know you're trying to appease a city with differing views, but consider the importance of this response. We have the incredible opportunity to address the root issues of inequality in our society, to build something better instead of criminalizing those who suffer from systemic inequality. Now is a moment for real change. Please recognize how incredible, andessential that change will be. Your constituent, Julia Sherman</p>

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6/15/2020 23:18	Jeffrey Wang	I strongly disagree with the proposed police budget. Not only is it tone deaf, it is not representative of the desires of SLC citizens. I am disappointed with how the Mayor and the City Council have handled the situation thus far regarding the Coronavirus and the Black Lives Matter protests. It is disgraceful to see public figures and civil servants turn a blind eye on rhe needs of their communities. I truly hope you reconsider the proposed bill and choose to properly lower the police budget each year for the foreseeable future, as many cities are currently doing, and reallocating the police budget to other public services.
6/15/2020 23:29	Tracy Lewis	Please do NOT increase the ploice budget. This money needs to be put back into social programs to help the community.
6/15/2020 23:30	maddie bagley	lets address the root of social ills by reallocating police funds to solve homelessness, early childhood development (daycare!), paid parental leave, teachers pay, and social work!! additional campaign zero is a must!!!!
6/15/2020 23:46	Josh Stohl	Defund the police, disowns them and make them reapply for their jobs. Take the increase (and then some) you were going to give them and find rapid response social workers and other community based solutions for things that the cops should not be responding to in the first place.

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6/16/2020 0:09	Cynthia Hansen	<p>It is totally incomprehensible to me that this city council would even remotely consider such a ludicrous idea of cutting our police budget, especially in these turbulent times. 99% of our police officers are doing an exemplary job, with low wages, limited man power, equipment and training. Their lives are endangered everytime they put on their uniform and start their shift. They are subjected to vile disgusting language, they are harassed, and they along with their families are threatened with bodily harm and now you stand ready to inflict more abuse. I think it is shameful that you council members would consider such an affront to our men and women in blue for all they do to keep our fine city'safe and lawful. With so many denigrating them for the sins of others I would have thought all of you would be better than to join in further demoralilization by suggesting they deserve less of anything. In fact, this council should step up, stand with our police, support them and show them we the citizens of this great city appreciate all they do for us each and everyday by offering them an increase to their budget not the reverse. I understand there will be revenue shortfalls, but if San Diego and Houston can increase their police budgets I'm confident we can also. Please help lead as San Diego and Houston are doing, don't jump on that overcrowded defund the police band wagon. We live in one of the most beautiful cities in this country and I pray we can keep it that way. But I know one thing for sure, cutting our police budget will only send us down the road to ruin. I appreciate your time and consideration of my request for a no vote on any and all police budget cuts. Respectfully, Lee Hansen</p>
6/16/2020 0:27	Anonymous Constituent	<p>While I sympathize with the difficulty in juggling the complexity of a budget with the recent public attention on the matter of police deparments, it is still instinctively disappointing to see the upcoming budget change so little in response. If defunding the police is too fast of an action to take, I hope the council does not give the department more resources to abuse. I look forward to and fully support the proposal of a financial review of the Police Department budget by an outside auditor. Such a choice should give the comfort of information that will allow the City Council to make a well-informed decision on how and where to defund the SLCPD going forward. Thank you for your work.</p>

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6/16/2020 0:47	Marilyn Bonner	After weeks of protesting and asking city council to defund the police, you come out with an increase in budget? A few extra victim advocates and de-escalation training will not suffice. SLCPD needs to be demilitarized. Emergency services need to be expanded to include mental health crisis response teams and addiction specialists. No matter how much 'de-escalation training' that's provided to PD, when they respond to any incident with their badge, guns, and authority they carry, rarely can de-escalation follow. Our citizens are frightened, and murdered, by SLCPD. This cannot continue. Cut the PD budget by at least \$30mil. Look at Camden, NJ for an example if you don't understand how helpful defunding the police can be.
6/16/2020 1:16	Courtney lawrence	I'm writing for you to consider to decrease funding for the SLC police. I bell've that the police are stretched thin and can not possibly have the appropriate amount of training to be competent in all the areas they are currently involved in in our community. I bell've we should reallocate funds to other public safety committees such as social workers, commumity outreach, schooling and housing. Thank you so much, Courtney Lawrence

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6/16/2020 1:35	Jolie Uk	<p>housing, healthcare, transportation, and education (1). Since closing the Road Home, we've been dealing with a homeless crisis. There aren't enough beds to support our homeless population, and the crackdown on homelessness last winter was inhumane and ineffective. We don't need more police harassing our homeless neighbors, we need to invest our resources in affordable housing, case management, and social work, not the theft of critical resources like blankets and tents. Invest in our communities most affected by economic equality and communities of Color facing over-policing and police violence. Invest in approaches to social issues other than police who are trained to use force. Investing more into SLCPD doesn't hit the core of our social issues. With my fellow citizens, I ask for a \$30 million decrease in the budget to SLCPD so those critical resources can be allocated more appropriately. SLCPD has policies to prevent police violence (2).</p> <p>Unfortunately, when we ask someone trained in a culture of fear and violence to respond to a myriad of problems requiring distinct approaches, knowledge, and training, we are bound to fail. Police officers are trained to believe their life is in danger at all times, despite how rarely it's the case. Nationwide only 0.09% of interactions result in violence towards an officer (3), and many instances may result from police escalation of a peaceful situation, or from failure to de-escalate a situation. There are instances of police killings where non-lethal force is more apt than lethal force (James Barker's case, being an instance). 17 weeks of training (4) isn't enough to take on burdens police are responsible for. It's not even enough to be a social worker, especially when much of that training is focused on violence and self-preservation. Nationally, 99% of police killings result in no convictions -- no accountability (5). Some instances of police killings are in self-defense. But over and over high profile cases resulted in no real accountability for officers. Police killings aren't correlated with violent crime, contrary to if a majority of police killings were in self-defense (5). Utah is the worst state in the nation for disproportionate police killings of Black people, killing Black people at a rate nearly ten times higher than the rate of all people killed by police (5). Since 2013, Utah police have killed 82 people (8 of whom were black) even though our state population is around 2.7 million. Police kill far more people in the US than they do in Europe (6). We can't accept police murder as normal, just as we can't accept our decades-long intensification of unjust incarceration and policing. Measures like worn body cameras haven't been enough to quash police brutality. Body cameras haven't led to convictions in many high-profile examples of police brutality (7). Departments like Minneapolis PD tried policereform, it hasn't worked (8). It's why their city council has vowed to disband their police department (9). Our eventual goal should be to abolish police</p>

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6/16/2020 2:09	Eden Brush	<p>City Council members and Mayor Mendenhall, I appreciate your efforts to consider the concerns of your constituents relating to police brutality in our nation, state, and city. I am aware that you proposed some changes to the SLCPD budget during the June 11th City Council meeting (1). While I recognize that you made these changes with the best intentions, I still demand more from you. I write in solidarity with my fellow citizens demanding a \$30 million dollar budget cut and a hiring freeze for all officers during the next fiscal year. I will address the budget changes in the order they appear on the City Council website below and outline why they are insufficient. Creating a commission dedicated to addressing police brutality and racial inequality in policing is a step in the right direction. I look forward to hearing more about this commission in the coming weeks, and I hope that it will truly have the power to hold officers accountable for their actions. However, "moving funds out of the Police Department for training and equipment purchases (body cameras and tech, tasers, etc.)" fails to meet the demands of your citizens. Defunding the police means reducing their budget. While reallocation of the police budget is important and should accompany police defunding, this change is not enough. The Police department is still receiving all of this funding for training and technology, so you're not really moving funds out of the department. De-escalation training is important but was ineffective in Minneapolis and other cities across the country. What proved far more effective in the case of Camden, NJ was a total dissolution of their police department, which was then rebuilt from the ground up. If you have not already studied this particular case, I urge you to do so (2). I bell've Camden more accurately represents the potential positives and negatives of how we are asking you to use your power. While I recognize that each city is unique, I do not have total faith in training a department with an already entrenched culture --*Continued</p> <p>1/3*</p>

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	Eden Brush	<p>*Continued 2/3* a department led by a chief who can say that he doesn't think that the SLCPD has a problem with implicit bias and structural racism (3). This is the same department that arrested 46 protestors on May 30, many of whom were within their rights to peacefully protest injustice, and failed to arrest a white supremacist who threatened the lives of those very same protestors with a bow. This is the same department that killed Patrick Harmon and Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal even though those officers received "extensive training [...] on implicit bias" (3). Everyone has implicit biases to some extent, so to ignore the importance that bias plays in policing is dangerous. Certainly, Utah as a whole is not exceptional when it comes to a lack of racial profiling, can you honestly say the SLCPD is much better? Further, I'veesting additional funds in body cameras and tasers won't make a meaningful, positive impact. We have bodycam footage from the shooting of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal. In that footage, we hear one of the three officers involved in the pursuit'say "Tase him, tase him, tase him!" before they shoot Bernardo approximately 20 times as he runs away (4). Tasers and body cameras didn't save Bernardo's life, even though the officers were evidently equipped with tasers and had the capacity to use them. If officers are going to preference lethal force over tasers, then supplying them with tasers is useless unless you are simultaneously disarming those officers of lethal weaponry. Bodycam footage has not led to accountability for those officers nor the officers who killed Patrick Harmon as he ran away. Note that the officers who killed Patrick also used a taser, but when guns are used alongside nonlethal force, that nonlethal force means nothing. If you can reallocate funds within the department towards tech that will have no positive impact, it is your duty to instead distribute those funds towards infrastructure and community improvement. Holding \$2.8 million in SLCPD funding is again, a step in the right direction. However, this falls far short of what your citizens have consistently asked of you. This is a fraction of the \$30 million cut that we have asked for. The department can survive with that type of budget cut, that's the budget it had in 2013 (5). Crime rates have not risen dramatically in SLC over the last decade (6)</p>

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	Eden Brush	<p>Continued 3/3* and holding a portion of the budget is not the same as divesting those funds towards community improvements that will actually decrease crime. A rise in nonviolent crime has also driven much of the growth of crime in recent years, while serious crime has declined (6). It makes sense that we would have growth in non-violent, minor offenses when we criminalize homelessness and simultaneously remove resources that our homeless population depends on. We are misl'vesting our resources if we increase our police budget instead of addressing our homelessness crisis. If the Council is considering "mov[ing] some [community response] functions out of the department," then we will need funding for new agencies of social workers, traffic experts, sexual assault nurse examiners, caseworkers, and more who can actually address the issues that pertain to their fields, leaving police to deal with the issues that their training primarily covers: violent crime. The ban on chokeholds and the use of tear gas are good policy changes (3). Interest in an "ordinance requiring the public sharing of information collected by the Police Department that is of policy interest to the Council and the public" is promising (1). Setting aside \$1.7 million for l'vestment in communities of color is promising. Support for the idea that "COVID-19 related stimulus dollars received be prioritized to address community programs" is promising. An outside audit of the police department provides hope. But hope is not enough right now, we need increased action. You have said that the police budget will be an ongoing conversation even after the budget has been adopted. We will continue to have that conversation week after week if you fail to represent us. Although I cannot find this information in your recap of the June 11th work meeting, I have seen some sources (7) indicate that increases in technology and training, as well as the hiring of 3 new victim advocates, will equate to a \$1,344,394 increase in the SLCPD budget. An increase in budget is antithetical to the requests of your constituents. I have already outlined why we should not deprive our communities of resources for the sake of technology or training aimed atreform</p>
6/16/2020 2:44	Corrin Rausch	<p>Regarding Tuesday's Vote I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing about the 2020-2021 fiscal budget and ask that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services.</p>

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6/16/2020 3:34	Emily Merrill	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.
6/16/2020 6:39	Jessica Tilton	Read a room and look at the information available for defunding the police. Please do not increase the budget for the SLC police. Utah could be a leader in diverting those funds to our school system, the homeless of the city, mental health services, etc. The police should be focused on crime and criminals, not harrassing the community, which is what they do now. If training is necessary, and it clearly is, move money from within the current, hopefully lessened, budget. Lead the community responsibly and rethink what is possible with that extra money in the areas that truly deserve funding.

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6/16/2020 6:44	Eliza Clarke	I am a student and worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because police are brutalizing and murdering people of color. This systemic racism must come to an end. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in schools, public transit and social workers.

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6/16/2020 6:45	Chaz Costello	<p>I'm a resident of house district 24 senate distract 2, and I'm here to say that I ABSOLUTLY disagree with the shameful new proposed police budget. -I DISAGREE with using \$687,000 for body cameras and tasers for every officer. -I DISAGREE with using \$93,000 to add technology to police vehicles. -I DISAGREE with using \$322,000 for every officer to get "enhanced" de-escalation training. -I DISAGREE with using the CARES Act to hire 3 victim advocates at \$80,798 each. -I DISAGREE with ALL of this because the total comes to an INCREASE of \$1,344,394. I demand that there's absolutely NO spending on the above statements. I demand that there's NO new hires in the police department for the next year. I demand that there will be a \$30 million budget cut to the SLCPD. I listened to the city council meetings, and this proposed budget straightforwardly goes AGAINST what the people of Salt Lake had to comment. it's truly frightening to see how ready Utah is to militarize its own People'so quickly, and how UNPREPARED we are for a health crisis. Since we are in a global health crisis, the MOST APPROPRIATE way to allocate the proposed budget cut of \$30 million from the SLCPD, is to go to ALL HEALTH CARE SECTORS in SLC. I also demand that we allocate money to housing for homeless, to such places as Shelter the Homeless, Young Men's Transition Home, and Rescue Mission of Salt Lake. There MUST be resources readily available for the homeless, at the very LEAST a place to go to the bathroom, especially DURING THIS PANDEMIC. The homeless absolutely need a significant increase in resources, such as mental/ physical health care and housing, especially with the rise of COVID-19. I do not want an increase to the police budget just so they can "de-escalate" and surveillance the homeless. Surveillancing the homeless doesn't help fix ANYTHING. Do not benefit the police. Hold them accountable. Bernardo Palacios was not the only person of color killed by the hands of SLCPD (such as Darrien Hunt, Bobby Duckworth, Patrick Harmon, Elijah Smith, and Dillon Taylor. They were all black, and all killed by Salt Lake City police, and none of them received justice.). I demand justice for all of those names listed above. I demand all police officers involved in all those murders are charged and fired from their current positions. I do not feel safe if those policemen still have power. Thank you, I really appreciate you for taking the time to read thi</p>

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6/16/2020 6:57	Cayden Price	I am a resident of Salt Lake County Council District 1 and I am writing to demand a budget be adopted which prioritizes our community and pulls funding away from the police. As I have traveled through the city the last few weeks, I do not see protesters blocking the streets. I do not see radicals destroying property. All I have seen are bullies in riot gear, intimidating the population into submission. My family does not feel safe when we see this. As members of the LGBTQ+ community we feel frightened when we see this show of force, as police violence against our community is well-documented, and we know this is only a fraction of what the Black, Latino and Indigenous community are experiencing in this watershed moment in our city. Suggestions of reform" is not enough. We demand our voices be heard, and actual change is implemented in the way our city allocates its resources. This is in your hands; it is your duty to your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 in light of the violence and heartbreak this country has felt, and continues to feel, as so many of its marginalized citizens have died unjustly by officers of the law. Adopt a People's Budget, not a Police Budget.
6/16/2020 6:50	Marley Wright	During your budget meeting today, I would like to know how you are going to change/defund police unions in the city'so they do not have the power to block or lessen punishment for officers that have committed a crime.

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6/16/2020 6:54	Erik A. Christiansen	<p>I am emailing you today to tell you that I do not agree with the proposed 2020-2021 budget for the police department. If you have been following the news recently, you may have seen the phrase "Defund the Police." This is what the phrase means: Defunding the police does not mean an entire dismantling of the police force. Defund the Police means a drastic cut from the police budget, and then a reallocation of these funds into community uplift programs. Many of the issues that our police have to face they are untrained for because the American Policing System has put officers in charge of simply too many responsibilities. For example, the police respond to homelessness calls, they deal with the mentally ill, they are present in mismanaged school, they arrive when drug users overdose, and so much more. The response to homelessness, mentally ill people, mismanaged school, and drug overdoses should not be incarceration or criminalization. Homelessness needs to be prevented, not met with consequences for those who need solutions. Our community needs more affordable solutions for mental health problems; medication, facilities, treatment, and therapy are very expensive for individuals. In the past 40 years, police jurisdiction has expanded dramatically, especially in poorer communities and communities of color. Police presence in these communities is intimidating, and it does not solve issues such as racial and economic disparities from the core of the issue itself. Policereform does not work. Police brutality and racism is still a major issue across the country, even with de-escalation training programs in place. De-escalation training costs millions of dollars every year. In the proposed budget for 2020-2021, Salt Lake wants to add \$322,000 to the budget for de-escalation training. While it is important for officers to learn to handle situations rather than respond to them with violence, the issue comes down to racial profiling. Minneapolis was a city that represented progressive policereform. However, their efforts were ineffective. George Floyd's death is proof. Here in Utah, 1.6% of our population is Black and 13% of our population is Latinx. *Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Erik A. Christiansen	<p>*Continued 2/2* Between January 2013 and December 2019, the Utah police reported (key word reported) that 82 people were killed by police. Of these 82 people, 8 of them were Black. Of these 82 people, 13 of them were Latinx. 9.76% of the people killed by police in Utah between 2013 and 2019 were Black, in a state where only 1.6% of our population is Black. 15.9% of the people killed by police in Utah were Latinx, in a state where only 13% of our population is Latinx. These statistics only represent fatalities, which is only one major issue. In Utah, Black and Latinx people are also disproportionately incarcerated. The Prison Policy Initiative used the 2010 Census to show the number of people incarcerated per 100,000 people in that racial/ethnic group in Utah. Whit's: 367 Latinx: 832 Black: 2711 Native American/Alaskan Native: 1488 These data represent how Blacks are disproportionately incarcerated, along with other minority groups. Felons cannot vote. This is taking away the voice of these minority groups. Public institutions are being defunded, such as schools, hospitals, and libraries, especially in poorer communities. Instead of building back up this dissolving infrastructure, police are introduced into these communities as bandaid ?solutions? to try to fix all of the issues that the failing infrastructure has implemented. By redirecting funds from the police department to these failing infrastructures, the goal is to reduce crime and battle the issue of racial and economic disparities from the root of the issue itself. Research has shown that crime is a response to social conditions. We need to uplift communities to reduce crime. Continuing to cut community building services and introducing intimidating forces will not solve these issues. Defund the Police is a grassroots campaign to uplift communities. So I am asking you, as my friend, do not increase the Police Budget, but rather consider decreasing it and reallocating those funds to better serve our communities. No spending on body cams, police car technology, or de-escalation training. And no new hires within the police department for the next year. Every additional member requires a salary. I also urge you to cut the budget by an additional \$30 million, and reallocate these funds where they can do more good. In order to know how to best reallocate these funds, you should reach out to members of the communities these programs would affect most.</p>
6/16/2020 7:01	Emily Kramer	I am writing to express my desire that the council does NOT vote to defund the SLCPD. Thank you for the work you do and your for your service to this wonderful city.

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6/16/2020 7:05	Anonymous Constituent	I'm in favor of using the money to better train them and all the programs you suggested. But to implement others such taking away the merits for number of tickets they write. To take away the power of aggressive unnecessary stops. To absolutely do more training for their purpose to remind and drill in their brain they are part of the community and their every choice and action is revoked around being to protect the people in every way. Not to intimidate but protect and educate us. Body cameras on every officer

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6/16/2020 7:10	cate cannonmatch	<p>I am a voter and resident in Salt Lake. I am emailing you today to tell you that I do not agree with the proposed 2020-2021 budget for the police department. If you have been following the news recently, you may have seen the phrase Defund the Police going around. Here, I would like to explain to you what that phrase means. Defunding the police does not mean an entire dismantling of the police force. Defund the Police would mean a drastic cut from the police budget, and then a reallocation of these funds into community uplift programs. Many of the issues that our police have to face they are untrained for because the American Policing System has put cops in charge of simply too many responsibilities. For example, cops respond to homelessness calls, they deal with the mentally ill, they are present in mismanaged school, they arrive when drug users overdose, and so much more. However, many of these are systemic issues. The response to homelessness, mentally ill people, mismanaged school, and drug overdoses should not be incarceration or criminalization. Homelessness needs to be prevented, not met with consequences for those who need solutions. Our community needs more affordable solutions for mental health problems; medication, facilities, treatment, and therapy are very expensive for individuals. In the past 40 years, police jurisdiction has expanded dramatically, especially in poorer communities and communities of color. Police presence in these communities is intimidating, and it does not solve issues such as racial and economic disparities from the core of the issue itself. Policereform does not work. Police brutality is still a major issue across the country, even with de-escalation training programs in place. De-escalation training costs millions of dollars every year. In the proposed budget for 2020-2021, Salt Lake wants to add \$322,000 to the budget for de-escalation training. While it is important for cops to learn to handle situations rather than respond to them with violence, the issue comes down to racial profiling. Minneapolis was a city that represented progressive policereform. However, their efforts were ineffective. Take George Floyd's death as proof. Here in Utah, 1.6% of our population is Black and 13% of our population is Latinx. Between January 2013 and December 2019, the Utah police reported (key word reported) that 82 people were killed by police. Of these 82 people, 8 of them were Black. Of these 82 people, 13 of them were Latinx.*Continued 1/2*</p>

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6/16/2020 7:20	Celeste Tholen Rosenlof	I have proudly lived in Salt Lake city'since 2012, and I bought a home in the Rose Park neighborhood in 2017. I love this neighborhood, and I love this city. That?s why I wanted to reach out directly as the council finalizes the budget and considers how to move forward with the nearly \$3M in holding. Mr. Rogers, I do not think that this budget goes far enough to put social workers where they are needed and take police officers out of situations that they are not suited for. I fully support rethinking public safety and I'veesting in more aggressive I'vestment in social work and community programs. De-escalation training is not enough. Get officers out of our neighborhoods and send us people with more than once-a-year de-escalation training to support our community. Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal, Dillon Taylor, James Barker, and Cody Belgard deserved to due process and help. Police departments?regardless ofreform or body cameras?are fundamentally not set up to give this kind of help. Please work toward defunding and rel'vesting in our community.

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6/16/2020 7:43	Em DeVincentis	<p>I am not a resident of Salt Lake City, but I live in Salt Lake County's Council in district 6, in Draper. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. I am appalled that you did not listen to the People's voice who demanded a change to the 2021 budget, as you instead asked for an INCREASE of \$1,344,394 to the police budget downtown. I am a trans person, and every time I go downtown, whether for university, going to bars, or meeting with friends, I don't want to fear for my life due to aggressive police force and violence. As I already have the privilege of being white, this aggression pales in comparison to my Black brothers and sisters. Those who live in the Salt Lake Valley will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform." We demand that our voices be heard NOW, and that real change will be created to uphold the values of community, kindness, and safety that Utah touts as existing here. Regarding your three claims of where that money will go: First off, it is Utah State law that officers use and have access to body cameras, especially when using or displaying warrants. You are saying you need \$687,000 to give each officer a body cam and a taser. Something sounds odd about that, especially since all officers should ALREADY HAVE THEM. Not to mention there is no correlation of the decrease of violence when the body cams are turned on, as indicated with the misuse of force against Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal, where, if you haven't seen the video, was shot 20 times in the back, and highlighted by three police officers's body cam footage. That single video is evidence enough that police already have and are mandated by law to use body cams, and does not deter excessive and aggressive uses of force. Secondly, extra technology should not be added to police vehicles. There is no information as to what that would be. What is the \$93,000 being used for exactly? The police do not need extra toys to continue unneeded force upon their citizens. Third, the \$322,000 for ?enhanced deescalated training? *Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Em DeVincentis	<p>*Continued 2/2*should have been part of the curriculum in police training way before these incidents, and because it was not indicates a real lack of compassion that centers towards aggression of people of color, homeless, domestic abuse, mental health concerns, etc, etc the list continues. If you think a two week program will fix the corrupt, racist, system that employs aggressive tactics over those who are the most vulnerable, you need to consider why you are serving them instead of your constituents. The malignant oversight of force ingrained into the police cannot be changed overnight. I emlore you to reconsider your choices of continual expansion and funding of the police. If you pushed the CARES act money into education (as a bunch of schools in SLC did not receive adequate funding from the CARES act), or even opening up a separate branch of victim advocates outside of the police, that would be a more effective use of the People's MONEY placed into communities and systems we care about and NEED. Listen to the voice of the people you serve. Although the City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.</p>
6/16/2020 7:37	Eliza Clarke	<p>I am absolutely OUTRAGED to hear that you all have decided not to decrease the police budget but in fact, to increase it. The city has spoken and you have not responded in the way that has been asked. Why do you even hold these positions if you refuse to listen to what the individuals in the city want? I DEMAND that there be NO more spending on body cams, tasers, police car tech, de-escalation training, or new hires for the next year. I DEMAND that you cut the police budget by at least \$30 million dollars. This is an absurd abuse of power, this is disgusting, listen to what the people want and respond with respect and consideration. BLACK LIVES MATTER</p>

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6/16/2020 7:39	Caitlin Silianoff	<p>I am a resident of Salt Lake City, a recent graduate from the University of Utah, and one of your City Council constituents. I'm writing today in regards to the FY 21 proposed budget, and I'm sure my message will echo many that you have received over the past few days. After two city council meetings where residents made clear their demands for defunding the police and reallocating \$30 million of the proposed budget to other community services, I was shocked to hear that the council proposed a massive increase in the SLCPD budget. Aside from pouring funds that would better be spent on sustainable community development into a violent institution, this decision goes directly against what your constituents have been passionately advocating for. As an elected official with a responsibility to account for the concerns of your constituents, I hope you are able to reevaluate the council's actions in light of our continued demands. I've written previously to the mayor's office regarding a decrease in the police budget, but I am writing to you now to ask that you and the other council members listen to the residents you serve. I send this message with optimism, because I know you care about our community and I know that your intentions, like mine, are to make Salt Lake City a safer place. I encourage you, and the rest of the council members, to reconsider these budget increases. Instead, I hope you decide to I'vest \$30 million of the proposed budget back into our community, and especially into communities of color, to fund the expansion of public education, the expansion of affordable housing options, and the expansion of access to public transportation.</p>

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6/16/2020 7:41	Ellie Goldberg	I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote. PLEASE DEFUND THE SLPD. Thank you for your service.

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6/16/2020 7:48	Cheyenne Larsen	<p>I am a current resident of Salt Lake City. This is not the first time I have reached out about this. And it won't be the last. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. This is despicable. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. It is not working! Numbers aren't going down! They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. Why would doing the same thing yield different results? Our community is suffering. We do not feel safe. We do not feel protected. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. I'd like to see these funds go to education. Aiding and protecting those who are vulnerable because they are homeless. Protecting and helping the mentally ill. Giving opportunities to our youth. A more just world is possible, and it starts with your vote. Defund the SLCPD Dear City Council, My name is Cheyenne Larsen. I am a current resident of Salt Lake City. This is not the first time I have reached out about this. And it won't be the last. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. This is despicable. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. It is not working! Numbers aren't going down! They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. Why would doing the same thing yield different results? Our community is suffering. We do not feel safe. We do not feel protected. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO *Continued 1/2*</p>

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6/16/2020 7:50	Ellie Smith	I live in Sugarhouse and attended the first 1.5 hours of the working session on Thursday and reviewed the City Council's email pertaining to updating the budget. I reiterate that I support defunding the police by at least \$10m (the budget allocated to them just 2 years ago) and having more public transparency + accountability. I support maximizing the amount that can be held in an holdings account. Currently that is allocated as \$2.8m and would like to increase that as possible to allow for a review on how the police department is managing its budget. I support a hiring freezing and not having a new recruit class in 2021. I support that all future COVID-19 related stimulus money be directed to funding community programs. I support having a third party review the budget of the police department ASAP. I request that this review is viewed through the lens of reimaging the policing in SLC with less of an emphasis on funding the police department and more of an emphasis on funding education, homelessness initiatives, mental health initiatives, etc. I want this exercise to be about how SLC is starting to move away from the traditional ways of policing starting right now, not justifying that the police department needs a large budget. I would like the funding for this review to come from the police department's 2020-21 budget. Also, I do not support cutting the sustainability's department budget by \$3m. I reiterate that I would like to see the department receive the \$19m in funding it did for 2019-20. I hope to see the public's request for defunding reflected in the budget approved this week and a continuous effort by the city council to increase accountability of the police department, increase the support of community initiatives, and reimagine what policing in SLC can be.
6/16/2020 7:52	Chelsee Bogucki Bogucki	We fully support defunding the police. We are glad to see that the council will bring in a budget consultant. We are also glad to read about the zero budget plan. We fully support a complete overhaul and restructuring of the SLCPD. We would like to see Salt Lake city's set an example for the rest of the state by making sweeping changes to the police department and the utilization of funds.

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6/16/2020 7:54	Emily D. Holt	Hi! I'm a resident of District 6 and I just wanted to take a moment and express that I am not in favor of cutting the police budget. The police presence in our area has been helpful in dealing with issues and I have nothing but compliments to provide for the department. Because of the recent events in our Nation, I think it would be best to evaluate budget cuts over a longer-period of time and see how other cities handle the situation. The SLCPD is a great department and I would hate to see cuts made to one of the best departments before a thorough vetting of how that would look long-term. Thanks for your consideration and all you do for our City.
6/16/2020 7:56	Emily Damjanovich	I am a resident of West Jordan, UT. I demand that we redistribute Salt Lake city's budget at least \$30 million from the police budget into other programs such as education, after school programs, and housing. I also demand a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've our communities thrive when we have more funding for education and housing programs, and we do not need any more police at this time. Thank you so much for your time.
6/16/2020 8:01	Caleigh Venetis	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in our education system and treatment centers for citizens struggling with mental health/addiction.

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6/16/2020 8:09	Elsa Dillman	<p>I'm emailing with regard to the update the city council out out yesterday regarding the 20-21 budget. My name is Elsa Dillman, and I've lived in district 1 for the last 8 years. I feel like we are not being heard. We do NOT want increased funds to the police department, we do not want reforms. They do not work. Yesterday, I spent my morning looking over the data for Utah officer involved deaths and it's ridiculous. 10% of people killed by police from 2012-2017 were black despite Black people making up a mere 1% of Utah's population. 6 out of 8 of these deaths occurred in Salt Lake County. This is beyond u acceptable. This is an us problem, not an over there'someone else problem. The police department is already extremely well funded, they do not need increased funds. Our community does. We cannot penalize the poor for simply being alive. I am asking you and the city council to listen to us, the people of this city, the data, the studies, and the history.reform does not work. Racism and poverty is a public safety issue and should be treated, not by armed, poorly trained, mostly white, middle class, police officers. It needs to be addressed by I'veesting in these communities. I'veesting in resources that do not kill them, even if that is not the intention. Please, listen to us and use \$30 million of the police budget for the community.</p>

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6/16/2020 8:05	Katherine Rowden	<p>Hello I wrote a lengthy comment to all council members last week regarding my feelings on the police budget. In short: please redirect money from the police budget to initiatives and programs that support community well being, safety & health. Please do not fund continuing militarization of the police and please also consider total spent on defending and settling cases of police assault & killings: all of these things are disproportionately affecting Black, Indigenous, People of Color and other marginalized communities. We need to fund non-police programs and professionals that can respond to people in crisis, and that are focused on de-escalating situations and directing people to programs that can help them (programs which should also get funding rather than the police). There are already examples of such programs in place in other communities. We do not have to I'vent the path forward from scratch. Eugene, OR has had an alternative to having police respond to calls for decades (https://www.hcn.org/issues/52.7/public-health-theres-already-an-alternative-to-calling-the-police). These are the creative solutions we need in our community. Doing the same tired and incremental fixes and reforms" decade after decade has not shifted the needle in a substantial way, as the last several weeks have shown us. Thank you for considering these comments and for your public service.</p> <p>Sincerely, Katherine Rowden</p>

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6/16/2020 8:07	Daniel Cohen	<p>I am a resident of Holladay. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.</p>

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6/16/2020 8:09	Dakotah Reyes	<p>After attending yesterday's meeting, it is clear that the Mayor and Council Members are not listening to their communities and are acting in self serving ways without thinking of who voted them in. Your community does not want an increased budget for the SLCPD point, blank, period. I do not support the increased budget of 1.2 million dollars in order to buy more body cameras and get police training. It does not take 1.2 million dollars to hold police accountable and training for a police officer to learn not immediately want to kill someone. If a cop's first instinct is to resort to violence and escalate the situation, they shouldn't be a cop. The budget for the SLCPD needs to be decreased and the money should be rerouted into underserved communities. Instead of forcing our homeless community from Pioneer Park to Library Square, and instead of every morning having 2 or 3 cop cars sit outside of Library Square harassing homeless people and forcing them to relocate (yes it happens every morning because I drive by Library Square every morning to get to work and every single morning I see it), we should have I'vested more money into our homeless community. Instead of closing The Road Home, we should have I'vested more money into it to hire more counselors so that they weren't overworked. Instead of creating three new shelters that ultimately ended up decreasing the amount of beds available prior to The Road Home closing down, we should have created even more spaces and opportunities for our homeless community (yes even in NIMBY neighborhoods). With the extra money from decreasing the SLCPD's budget, maybe we could buy apartments from one of the many very very empty apartment complexes that no one in SLC can afford, and give them to homeless people to house them. It has been proven time and time again that housing homeless people and giving them access to a clean bed and clean water gives them the confidence it takes to go out and seek employment. Here is just one of the many articles that back that claim. https://www.vox.com/2014/5/30/5764096/homeless-shelter-housing-help-solutions The rerouted 1.2 million dollars could also go into improved social services for our community. *Continued 1/2*</p>

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		<p>* Continued 2/2* Instead of sending cops to a mental health call or checkup (which often result in the person being called about dying because as we know police love to end situations violently), we use some of the 1.2 million dollars to create a specific team of social workers with behavioral health training and understanding of mental health to send to a person suffering from a mental health crisis, to calmly access and deescalate the situation. Another way of rerouting the 1.2 million dollars is to improve public education in SLC. Teachers more often than not, use their own salary to purchase supplies for their classroom and their students. We should increase teachers' salaries. We could also use that money to pay off student lunch debt, and while we're at it, we need to get rid of that program entirely, it is disgusting that we still force children to pay for their lunch or skip out on eating. We need to hire more teachers to offload the teacher to student ratio so that students get adequate attention in the classroom. We should also be providing services to help students with ADHD get the care they need in the classroom. We also need to support and provide for our disabled students. While we're at it we should get cops out of schools. These are just three things we could do with the additional 1.2 million dollars the mayor and council members want to give the SLCPD, just think of all the good we could do for our community if we defund the SLCPD! Work for your city, not the cops. P.S. Fire Mike Brown :)</p>
6/16/2020 8:19	Cassidy Deursen	<p>I am a resident of Salt Lake City, District 1. I am dismayed to hear about the new proposed police budget that increases spending on our police force. These increases are unacceptable when we need to be investing in community support services not tasers, police car technology, or the proven ineffectual deescalation training. As a community we should be moving away from the policing and incarceration that has long targeted Black and other POC. I demand a decrease in the policy budget.</p>

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6/16/2020 8:12	Conrad T	I am a resident of District Four in Salt Lake City. I have been a Salt Lake City Resident for eight years and love this city with my entire heart. What I do not love is hearing that you and your fellow District Reps are fully ignoring the influx of communication you have received in the last two weeks demanding the following: 1- NO more spending on body cameras, tasers, or police technology. I do not want to see more body camera footage of police unlawfully killing my fellow Salt Lake City residents. I do NOT want to see more technology given to the SLCPD 2- NO new spending for de-escalation training. Calling the SLCPD in the first place is already an escalation of most situations they are called into. By I'veesting in de-escalation training we are I'veesting in a safety net for the police to fall back on when they fail to de-escalate and kill someone. "The training didn't work" simply cannot be an option.
6/16/2020 8:14	Ellie Kaiser	
6/16/2020 8:16	Chloe Kinney	I would like to express that as a Salt Lake City resident, I bell've the police should be defunded. Those funds should then be put back into the community. We need more mental health resources and shelters. We should ensure that NO child should ever have to worry about school lunch because all lunches are covered. We need community control. The police are not the best responder for many, many scenarios. Instead, we need to utilize our community and utilize counselors, social workers, and volunteers. Stop allocating funds for the police to acquire more militarized equipment and instead, I ask for that money to go toward community-run violence-prevention programs. Thank you.
6/16/2020 8:17	Anonymous Constituent	Yes we should have a new Council

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6/16/2020 8:18	Erika Ahlin	I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote.
6/16/2020 8:23	Anonymous Constituent	Yes!!!!
6/16/2020 8:22	Erika Ahlin	I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote.
6/16/2020 8:25	Terese Jenson	please don't defund

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6/16/2020 8:25	Darina Murashev	I am a constituent of your district. I?m extremely disappointed that the city council chose not only to not pursue policereform, but to INCREASE the budget of the police in your last meeting. I understand that what you are increasing the budget for is supposed to help with police violence and accountability, but in the end I don't bell've it will have the intended effect. You cannot help a community with a force that is centered around criminalizing and punishing your citizens. Homelessness should not be a crime. Drug addiction should not be a crime. These people do not need to be met with force, but with understanding, guidance, and access to resources to move through these issues. By defunding the police, you would have GRATUITOUS amounts of money to funnel into programs geared toward helping the people you represent. You are supposed to be our voice. You are supposed to make us heard. Do your job. Your constituents are calling you to defund the police, I beg you to PLEASE listen to us. PLEASE.
6/16/2020 8:25	Chelsea Klein	I grew up in Salt Lake City, and still live here half of the year. I am contacting you in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I was happy to hear the council express that this was just the beginning of the conversation about the place of police in our community, but I do not agree that spending more money to put cameras on every SLCPD officer and the technology to make sure they are actually turned on will help solve the deep rooted problems within our police department. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. We have enough police, and after various reports coming to the surface, we know that it isn't about more funding and training, there is a root issue and we must fix the system as a whole. This is incredibly important, and I bell've that the money would be much better used for funding community services.

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6/16/2020 8:33	shae wright	Dear City Council, I don't know how you can witness the events of the last few months (pandemic and police) and not see the huge problem with how youve chosen to distribute funds. I know many if our hospitals are reusing PPE until it is grossly inadequate. But somehow our police can afford military gear. While we already have a well equipped army. I urge you to consider the younger generations and the mess they have ahead of them when you sit down to allocate funds. Utah is at the bottom of the list for education too so again to continue to increase the police budget while you neglect much more valuable social services is a crime against humanity and we will all have to answer to our maker/karma. Show some courage and integrity for pete's sake.
6/16/2020 8:37	Chandler Smith	I am a resident in Salt Lake City District 2. It was relieving to hear the council express that this was just the beginning of the conversation about the place of Police in our community. However, I do not agree that spending \$780,000 to put cameras on every SLCPD Officer and the technology to make sure they are on will in any way help solve the problems within our police department. This money could be used to help better fund the community in profound ways. I hope you instead I'veest the \$2.8 MILLION dollars that will be held from the Police in education, addressing the opioid crisis, drug rehabilitation, and addressing and helping create resources for those experiencing homeless. Thank you for your work and hearing we the people.

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6/16/2020 8:39	Susan Chamberlain	I am writing today out of great concern for the state of policing in our city. As evidenced by body cam footage, rates of incarceration and police shootings of POC, and (more recently) attitudes of police towards protesters, white supremacy in policing is not something that happens only in other cities. We need funds to create and to support agencies that promote true safety for our most vulnerable neighbors. I am therefore asking that we reduce the police budget by 30 million dollars. I am asking that money be reallocated towards social service agencies that focus on housing, education, & mental and physical health. I'm asking for a hiring freeze for police. I'm demanding that budget money is not spent on tasers, body cams, or car technology. Nor should it be spent on de-escalation training for officers: research shows that this DOES NOT WORK. We need to put money towards the societal issues that can lead people to commit crime: we must support (not criminalize) our youth, we must actually address the shortage of accessible community mental health programs, we must provide stable housing, we must prioritize people over profit. NOW is the time to make change. We can do this Salt Lake City! Thank you.
6/16/2020 8:39	Candice Hunsaker	I am hoping to reach out and voice my concern that the SIC Police department NOT be defunded. I don't bell've that will solve the nations problem with police. I don't know what the solution is; I work in Healthcare. But I bell've there are a lot of good cops out there - especially in Utah and we need them to keep some order in our society. When a cop makes a mistake or commits a crime (anything a non-officer could easily be ticketed or arrested for) they should be punished. A person should not be allowed to be a cop if they might also be racist or prone to violence. But you folks need a better plan. Please try to find another way to keep cops (good cops) on hand and improve communication between the officers and your local communities. I wish I had a suggestion for you. Thank you for reading this and have a great weekend.
6/16/2020 8:40	Ana Datri	its time we start working kn the root cause of crime and start allocating money into education and social services. We want police officers to be safe and the. est way to do that is to reduce people needs to resort to a life of crime.

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6/16/2020 8:43	Jared Johnson	I am against defunding the police. Living near downtown Salt Lake city'safety has become a increasing concerntge past few weeks down there for those of us trying to go about our daily activities. The actions of these protesters and looters affecting our quality of life.
6/16/2020 8:47	Amy Leishman	I write this to express my opinion regarding defunding the police. I bell've with all my heart, that if anything, the police need more funding and/or more resources! police deal with everything from a drowning toddler to an active shooter! It is an extremely difficult job, if not physically, then definitely mentally! if you pay police less money, you get less applicants to choose from for the position. If you pay them more money, you get more applicants to choose from. You get to choose from applicants that may have more life skills, more edication, more empathy and compassion for their work! we already have departments throughout Utah that have positions open woth no applicants! Defunding will only make it worse! Salt Lake is our states capitol and I hope you can set a positive example for all other cities and counties by not definding the police but find them resources or better funding to help them be successful!
6/16/2020 8:55	Kalvan Sears	defund the police. it is tone deaf and insulting to know you plan to increase their spending. why pay taxes if you wont represent us? seeing the cops downtown with rifles to harm my neighbors does not make me feel safe nor did hearing the helicopters constantly. defund the police and I'vest in the actual community - weve had an ongoing homeless problem. how about I'vesting in real solutions to help them instead of paying cops to harass them.

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6/16/2020 9:01	Anonymous Constituent	do not DEFUND the police. punishing the whole for the actions of a few is wrong. The vast majority of police officers put that badge on to protect and serve their community. They go out there to keep you and me safe from those that don't care about morality, common decency, or respect for others. They go out and face the evils in the world and do what they can to keep it away from the everyday citizen. Look at what is happening in our country, look at what it really means to refund the police. We have a warlord dictator thinking he can run what he thinks is now his little country of Chaz or chop or whatever they want it called. they rule it with violence, and mob mentality. look at east Pit'sburgh that refunded and disbanded their police. they wanted state to police them, but not enough officers to patrol and now they complain about the response times and the lack of officer presence. the way to destroy a country is from within, and by removing any aspect of law enforcement. you want a real solution then go talk to the officers on the street everyday and find out what the problems are. they are understaffed for the job they do. they have to go or and worry about being attacked, poisoned, or being killed just for wanting to protect their community. you want to fix things. then increase the budget, partner up officers, re evaluate what is taught in post. don't over look things that should be aparant. address as many situations as you can in post and how they should handle them. teach officers it's ok to wait for backup, teach them how the backup officers help, and most of all make sure they know it's their job, their obligation to police each other as well. to not ever let anyone face the this kind of tragedy. are there bad cops? yes, just like there are bad doctors, teachers, nurses, pilots, politicians, every job has those that do it for the wrong reasons. those are the ones that need to be removed. protect those that protect us by not making the job harder for them or more dangerous, support them and pick them up because not every officer is a Derek chavinn and we don't judge the masses by the few. open your eyes and truely think about what defunding the police will really do, don't make a decision because of emotion, that's not why or elected officials were elected. they were elected to listen to the people, all the people, not just the noisiest or most vocal. learn what everyone really wants. but i'll tell you now, if you DEFUND the police, crime is only going to go up, our city will be on a decline, business will move out.
6/16/2020 9:02	Anonymous Constituent	on the loose

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6/16/2020 9:06	Rachel Eggett	I dont think we should defund the police. I feel that it would be a big mistake. I strongly feel it would be a huge diservixe to the people and to our police officers. the police officers need better pay if anything and better equipment.
6/16/2020 9:09	Eddy Acuna	To whom this may concern, As a citizen and husband of an African American women and children I'm deeply concerned with the current state of affairs in this country. I agree that changes need to be made in our police departments. I bell've that however, we shouldn't give up on the men and women that serve to protect our city. I bell've that we should fund them further and strictly watch how those funds are spent. Here are a few of my suggestions: 1. Funding for non lethal equipment and further training on the non lethal equipment currently in use. 2. Funding not only for deescalation training, but sensitivity training, cultural understanding training, and personality assessment training. I bell've the better you can communicate with different personalities the cooperation our officers will receive. 3. Funding for better Hiring Assessments, better hiring campaigns that attract top candidates to the profession. Higher pay for officers to attract better talent. 4. Funding community immersion that strengthen public relations with police and police understanding of the communities they serve. 5. Funding that provides effective emotional support and psychological evaluation of officers on a consistent, frequent and mandatory basis. I'm a firm bell'ver that you pay for quality and now is not the time to cheap out on such an important cornerstone of our community. I sincerely hope these opinons are considered.
6/16/2020 9:17	Mel Martinez	I am fully opposed to both drafts of the proposed police budget for 2020-2021. I demand like so many other SLC residents and people all over the country, that we begin a plan of del'vestment. It begins with no additional funding this year for anything. No new money for new hires, police technology, or deescalation training. It involves a budget cut now and working with the community to create a sustainable plan for continued del'vestment in the police department. The plan will focus on ways to replace policing with community based response teams, organizations, and civilian professionals. The police wear too many hats and the hats don't even fit. Thank you, Mel Martinez
6/16/2020 9:21	Anonymous Constituent	If you defund the Police, you're more than stupid. it's bad enough you're trying to turn Salt Lake City into a sanctuary city.

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6/16/2020 9:48	Addison Gee	Please, Do NOT cut funding to our police departments. The men and women in blue deserve so much MORE then what they are given. as a fellow first responder I have witnessed some of the things they go through, and I am forever grateful for them. You can't allow one bad seed to destroy the whole crop. This would be a grave mistake if you choose to lessen funding.
6/16/2020 9:28	Anonymous Constituent	DO NOT DEFUND THE POLICE that has got to be the dumdest idea ive heard in my life time
6/16/2020 9:37	Whitney Sanchez	I have lived in Utah my whole life and love seeing Salt Lake City expand and support a thriving economy of local businesses. However, whenever we visit, the burden of poverty is everywhere. We see people without access to resources including treatments for drugs and a safe place to rest their head. I would like to see Salt Lake City I'vest in community resources that support everyone and support social services, not just expanding the police force.
6/16/2020 9:30	Maya Kobe-Rundio	Hi, My name is Maya and I am a Salt Lake City resident. I'm writing today about the proposed budget for 2020-2021I strongly oppose increasing the police department's budget in any form. I oppose moving money to non-departmental budgets because those budgets are still spent on policing. I demand NO spending on more body cameras and tasers, NO spending on more technology for police vehicles, NO spending on de-escalation training, and NO new police hires. I support a \$30 million budget cut that redirects funding to community-building services that are OUTSIDE of the police department.

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6/16/2020 9:42	Lucas Bush	I support the creation of an ordinance requiring the public sharing of information collected by the Police Department that is of policy interest to the Council and the public. I support establishing a City commission that would evaluate equity in policing. In addition, I bell've that ALL police should be REQUIRED to participate in a continuing education program, much like medical doctors are required to undergo continuing medical education to retain their license to practice. If police men and women do not participate, they lose their badge until they achI've the required credits. This program could be designed in collaboration with police violence experts, racial conflict experts, and the general public or City Council to ensure appropriate training modules. This program would ensure that all police are formally educated and trained to avoid escalating incidents of police brutality and diminish racial bias.
6/16/2020 9:40	Michell Marshall	Please do not decrease the budget. If anything it'should be increased. These guys need our support now more than ever. Training and good officers will require funding.
6/16/2020 9:48	Mark Montano	DO NOT defund or cut budgets to the Salt Lake Police department. If youre so concerned about public safety, I'vest in training.
6/16/2020 9:41	Tayler McFarland	please vote to defund the police and use the money to put bwck into our broken community. our schools. our over worked medical staff. anything but more riot gear.
6/16/2020 9:43	Victoria Meyer	I demand that the police budget be decreased and that the money be redirected to other community services that will better serve the citizens of Salt Lake City. I also demand justice for Bernardo Palacios and that the officers involved are charged for his murder. The current proposal of an increase to the police budget is unacceptable, especially with no strong civilian oversight. The police are not able to humanely respond to situations in Salt Lake. Redirecting resources towards housing, education programs, and counsellors would give everyone in Salt Lake a better chance to succeed and decrease crime and brutality. I bell've in reconstructing the police to be centered around the community and just one of many forces that can respond to situations in the community. I hope that the city council will listen to their constituents and change the current proposed budget.

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6/16/2020 9:44	Anonymous Constituent	<p>I always think its interesting that in our world, history continues to repeat itself over and over again. I hope that we would learn from it but instead we ignore it and make the same avoidable mistakes. If you vote to defund or lower the police budget, you would be doing the same thing Hitler did before taking over. Please learn from history and don't defund the police! Yes I do think how our country is portraying cops is unfair. Those select few dirty and power hungry cops do not represent the majority of good cops who just want to genuinely do good in their communities and go home to their families at night. Those dirty cops are well known by their bosses and colleagues and yet are allowed to continue to work. How about we stop blaming all cops and start doing what is right by firing the ones who have lost the right to be a public servant. The city needs to put more funding into training cops the correct way on how to keep them safe in a world where criminals think they are entitled to do what ever they want without consequences. This is a never ending battle and is always changing. But is the difference between criminals running the show, or cops keeping We The People'safe. Please do the right thing and don't let groups like ANTIFA, etc pressure you into not standing up for our constitution and what is right.</p>
6/16/2020 9:48	Flannery Mack	<p>Good morning Councilman Wharton, Good afternoon Councilman Rogers, I am writing again to follow up on the Council's proposal for a new police budget that was announced this morning. I am disappointed in the Council's proposal to increase funding to the SLCPD. It feels like a slight to the voices of your constituents and to the needs the Black, Hispanic, Indigenous, and other communities have expressed repeatedly, not only in the last few weeks but, as is especially the case for the Black community, for decades. As a city and a community, we should be using this opportunity to boldly reimagine what a safe community looks like, and how we can make safe communities a standard for all Utahns. Increased police activity, funding, and presence is not the answer. I would demand the following from the Council to lead us toward a safer Salt Lake: * No spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology * No spending on de-escalation training. * No new police hires for the next year * A \$30 million budget cut redirecting to community-building services OUTSIDE of the police department It has been widely shown that police de-escalation training does not work. I know from my own work with people in the homeless service system that de-escalation is delicate and complex--</p> <p>*Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Flannery Mack	<p>* Continued 2/2* it takes extensive training to become adept at, and depends on equality between parties for success. The purpose of de-escalation is to create space for empathy and non-judgement, using non-threatening nonverbal language cues, providing options with freedom to choose, and returning all parties to a place of calm. Police de-escalation tactics are power tactics--they contain all parties and keep them under police commands, dominate over any perceived threat to officer safety, dictate outcomes to decrease freedom and disobedience, and use force, manipulation, or verbal threats to ensure that police maintain all power. Police are fundamentally unable to actually "de-escalate" due to the power imbalance that is inherent in police interactions. Officers' need to maintain control, an individual's perceptions and experience with police in the past, and the presence of weapons and protective gear preclude creating the non-threatening space and options that proper de-escalation required. Police officers are, inescapably, a threatening presence. Instead, let's use this money to do things that will actually increase public safety. Police are not mental health specialists, addiction specialists, or teachers. Money lavished on ineffective training and additional resources for the public service that is already the most abundantly resourced in our city is money that could have had a powerful impact in a community where we currently lack 50,000 affordable housing units; it is money that could fund higher salaries for teachers or school counselors; it is money that could provide accessible mental health support decoupled from a police department to people in serious need. I demand better from you for our city. Thank you for your time, Flannery -- Flannery Mack Pronouns: she her hers</p>

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6/16/2020 9:54	Alifia Jakamartana	<p>Dear Representative Fowler, My name is Alifia Jakamartana, and I am a resident of Holladay and a student in Salt Lake City District 6. I was glad to hear the council express that this was just the beginning of the conversation about the place of Police in our community. But I do not agree that spending \$780,000 to put cameras on every SLCPD officer and technology to make sure they are actually turned on will help solve the problems within our police department. I bell've this money would be much better used for funding community resources, such as mental health professionals in place of the police for mental health crisis 911 calls and housing for those experiencing homelessness. I'm also glad that you want to re-examine the role of Police in our community. I bell've that community members and service should respond to community problems, as I mentioned earlier with mental health professionals responding to mental health crises instead of the police. This is important to me because I firmly bell've that a community rich in resources will pay itself off with less-authoritative ways to solve community problems, rather than dumping every aspect of the vast web of social issues into the hands of the police. We all know that such a big role is difficult to undertake, and with more community resources they can have a lighter role. Just as police aren't responsible for fires thanks to the existence of the Fire Department, the same could be applied if new and improved specialized services would be implemented for mental health crises, homeless calls, and domestic violence, just to name a few. With this, I also demand that Salt Lake City does not spend more on de-escalation training, does not hire new police in the next year, and instead cuts \$30 million from the police budget. I hope you instead I'vest the \$2.8 million that will be held from the Police budget and the \$780,000 for body cameras in these previous resources mentioned. I appreciate your listening, and thank you so much for your time. Sincerely, Alifia Jakamartana</p>

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6/16/2020 10:07	Christie Fox	Dear City Council Members, I write to ask that you continue your conversation about policing in Salt Lake City by: reducing the budget for the SLC police; requiring the police to get rid of all military-grade weapons; require de-escalation to be USED in all cases; require a Use of Force Continuum; and require comprehensive reporting. Please redirect the money that would have gone to increase SLC Police budget to social services in the city aimed at reducing poverty and treating mental health. I also heard at last week's Council working meetng that there was some thought that de-militarizing our police could impact our ability to get the Olympics in the future. I urge that you not take this seriously, as it is a "what if" or "maybe but" excuse to not take action. Conversations about the potential future Olympics cannot supercede the urgent need for the police to stop shooting BIPOC citizens.
6/16/2020 10:03	Yvette Coronado	Hello again! I hope this email finds you well. I'm writing to express my disappointment in your proposal to increase the funding to law enforcement. Person after person has shared their opinions against this decision and yet there is an insistence in supporting an institution that does not actually keep our communities safe. Why is this happening? I hope you will consider what the public is asking for. Trust us that we know what we need. We don't need more police, we need more social services and access to a meaningful education. You're in a position to make that happen. Please DO make that happen. Our communities depend on your meaningful representation. Thank you for your time, Yvette
6/16/2020 9:57	Anonymous Constituent	On two separate occaisions in the last two weeks I have had experiences of coming to the aid of community members in distress. In one instance a woman had been raped and was fleeing the scene in need of help. In the other, a man was lost and needed help finding his way home. In both instances, the police's presence served only to escalate the situation. In both instances the people in need of help expressed that they did not trust the police officers and that they wanted help from someone else. We need to have other options. We need to have other types of support systems so that community members can get help from trained social workers and others who can care for them rather than criminalize them. The police budget has ballooned and what do we have to show for it. Please, fund other critically needed social services and help our community heal.

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6/16/2020 10:05	Kristine Paulos	I am so grateful for the protection and safety the police provide me and my family. Please vote to fund the SLCP. Sincerely,
6/16/2020 10:38	Wilhelmina Graff	Dear Mr. Mano, My name is Wilhelmina Graff and I was born and raised in Salt Lake City. Since I live across from Liberty Park, it seems that I am one of your constituents. I'm very concerned with the proposed budget increase for the Salt Lake Police Department. Despite the almost daily protests and discontent from residents of Salt Lake City, the Salt Lake Council isn't listening and is instead proposing an over \$1.3 million increase. Body cameras are proven to have little to no impact on police brutality and are only used 8% of the time to prosecute police officers. it's clear that the system is broken. First of all, there should be NO INCREASE in the SLCPD budget. there should be NO spending on body cams, tasers or police technology. NO new hires in the police department for a year and there should be a \$30 million budget cut. Please listen to your constituents. Black and POC residents shouldn't live in fear of the department that's supposed to protect them. DEFUND THE POLICE. Thank you for your time.
6/16/2020 10:04	Xenia Maritsas	Hey Chris, The new proposed budget sucks. We tried reform (body cams, dash cams, de-escalation training, etc.) and it clearly does not work. You should know this. Listening to this week's Council working session, I felt really hopeful. It felt like you were listening and hearing the people. it seemed like you understood that this change was necessary. Clearly, that was not the case. Please reallocate policing funds to community programs and education and decrease their overall budget. Definitely DO NOT increase the police budget. You can do this. Best, Xenia Maritsas
6/16/2020 10:05	Ashly Olsen	My name is Ashly Olsen. I am a mother, daughter, sister and wife. I do not want our police officer's defunded. If anything I believe they should receive more money to their budget than last year.
6/16/2020 10:02	Karen D Kelly	Please do not defund the dept! Instead, a lot more for training and better pay so that we are getting a higher caliber of recruits!

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6/16/2020 10:14	Zoey Bridges	<p>Hello! My name is Zoey Bridges. I am a black woman who was born and raised in Utah. I received my Bachelor's degree at the University of Utah and am currently getting a Master's degree at Westminster College. I would like to encourage you to vote AGAINST increasing the 2020-2021 budget for the SLCPD. Please consider DECREASING the budget. Do NOT spend more money on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. Do NOT spend more on deescalation training. Do NOT spend more on new hires. This is NOT what your community needs! We need to reallocate the budget's funds to mental health, education, public transportation, and other community needs in Utah. During the pandemic, parents saw first hand how difficult teaching is. We need to do better at providing our teachers with proper salaries and benefits. These funds could also go to more resources for mental health. Utah has high suicide rates and these funds could cover more programs and resources. It is now more than ever we need these extra resources. Reallocate the money to building up our community and crime rates will decline. Please do your research and understand that increasing the SLCPD budget will NOT help out our communities in the long run! Thank you for your time!</p> <p>Zoey Bridges</p>
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6/16/2020 10:09	Tony Pavlantos	Please Please Please reconsider the increase in funding to SLC police. Our police force is already doing the best it can with what is given. We need to consider putting these funds into public services like mental health professionals, schools and homeless services. I request we follow San Francisco's lead! San Francisco police officers will be replaced with trained, unarmed professionals to respond to calls for help on noncriminal matters involving mental health, the homeless, school discipline and neighbor disputes, as part of a new wave of policereforms. SLC can do this as well. Lets try!!! We need to learn from our mistakes! Thanks
6/16/2020 10:11	Hayley Lind	There are so many ways this city could improve its accessibility, compassion, and environment by funding transportation and education rather than overfunding the SLCPD. In the midst of a pandemic, increasing the police budget when so many other important programs are having their funding cut makes no sense. There is so much useless money being funneled into a corrupt system to buy them paramilitary gear and increase their presence in neighborhoods that would be better served by community centers and better public transportation. That money could help support local businesses hit hard by the pandemic, or buy protective gear for healthcare workers, or be I'vested in infrastructure that would support a healthier and happier city. Policing is obsolete, and if Salt Lake City wants to move forward they will defund the police department and listen to their residents. Thank you.
6/16/2020 10:07	Zooey Regnier	Hello, My name is Zooey regnier and I am a Salt Lake City resident. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because police are being paid too much to ruin People's lives. SLCPD'should have to go through more training then what they currently do. They shouldn?t be being paid to kidder innocent, unarmed human beings. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into more community?s and education systems. Sincerely,Zooey regnier

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6/16/2020 10:11	Gabbi Lemanski	Hello, my name is Gabbi Lemanski. I am a resident of Salt Lake City, and I don't support adding more money to the police budget. I did some research today and I wanted to share it with you. I spoke with my city council rep, Chris Wharton, today on the phone about some concerns I had. I want to remind you that your consitutents are asking for less money to go to the police department, and I can't help but feel that you're not listening. it's hard not to see this as brushing off the concerns of citizens, due to the large amount of engagement on this issue. I've tried to keep this as concise as I can make it, however there are some articles I highly encourage you to read entirely. De-escalation: "The Deafening Demand for De-escalation Training: A Systematic Review and Call for Evidence in Police Use of Forcereform (This one is incredibly useful, and would encourage you to read the entire paper) "Reviewing the Evidence Base for De-escalation training" (I would skim this one, it mostly has to do with healthcare workers) Police Body Cameras: "Evaluating The Effects of Police Body-Worn Cameras" (This one is excellent and is worth the read. The study is the largest done on this subject) Do Police Body-Worn Cameras Reduce the Use of Force? https://econofact.org/do-police-body-worn-cameras-reduce-the-use-of-force Tasers: "The Introduction of Tasers and Police Use of Force Evidence from the Chicago Police Department" The ?Less-Than-Lethal Weapons Effect??Introducing TASERs to Routine Police Operations in England and Wales: A Randomized Controlled Trial (I would skim through this one. Police officers in England are not issued guns, so I realize this is different, but important) *Continued 1/2*

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	Gabbi Lemanski	<p>*Continued 2/2*</p> <p>https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/0093854818812918?casa_token=ZZs_Jt31OugAAAAA%3A5HM6bkAwRrar_o2wGT62V1r51vc1CU3ozHScdEphO6V9tERcGKKMU0L158wFyB_f1Znz8VNsoK6SfA When Tasers Fail https://www.apmreports.org/story/2019/05/09/when-tasers-fail A Close Use of at Police Use of Tasers in Massachusetts https://www.muckrock.com/news/archives/2019/feb/27/binj-taser-feature/ My personal take away is this: Tasers and police body cameras are not worth the cost to the department. Tasers do fail, and largely police body cameras do very little (especially now in the days of the smartphone, when everyone can record the police). I think the money allocated for these items need to be scrapped or tabled until the audit is done. De-escalation training does seem to do a bit more. However, most of the evidence is still anecdotal, but I think worse than that, there's no clear definition of de-escalation as well as the variety and frequency of training programs, and are we looking at self reporting survey based outcomes or police behavior outcomes? I think it's probably the smartest thing we can invest in, however, there is an added pressure in the fact, that if the money is funded, how does city council make sure that the training SLCPD is getting is sufficient? -Gabbi</p>

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6/16/2020 10:12	William Santee	<p>Dear Representative Amy Fowler, I'm writing in response to the further increase in the police budget. I feel like this is unwarranted, especially after we have voiced our need to do the exact opposite. We are in the middle of a housing crisis in SLC. Instead of the massive budget allocated to the police, we should be taking care of our community. If we do not take care of our people, it will only lead to more crime and more deaths at the hands of the police. Police should be the last response to social problems, not the first. I don't understand increasing the budget for de-escalation training. De-escalation training will not be effective until there is a systematic shift in the power, role, culture, and allowable weapons in the police force. If you are unwilling to decrease the budget, at the very least, we need to give more power to civilian review boards. Every incident of police violence, past and present, must be reviewed. As far as I understand, they have no actual power to enact any sort of disciplinary actions, only recommendations to the police chief. Police will protect themselves, thus need to be held accountable to something outside of the departments. If police are meant to be protecting the people, they need to answer to the people. We also need members to be part of the communities that are being ripped apart by police and ensure that they have no ties to police unions or white supremacist groups that could lead to unfair bias in disciplinary actions. Until we address the accountability of the police, adding further funds to ensure the use of body cams will be ineffective. If there are no repercussions for their actions, police will continue to act with impunity. Any officer that does not have their camera on during an incident already should be fired immediately because they aren't following protocol. Adding social workers is almost a step in the right direction, but they should be outside of the department. Many of us are concerned that the money will get funneled right back into the police and will lead to further increases in budget in the future.*Continued 1/2*</p>

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	William Santee	<p>*Continued 2/2* Also, they should be independent from the police because many people are unwilling to go to the police for these types of services. We also need to change the terms of contracts to be one year instead of three. I realize that this may be part of the reason why this year's budget cannot be altered. If we cannot change this year's budget, we need to at least pave the way for it to change in the future. This is important to me because I want to see an end to all this senseless violence. I want a world where I don't have to fear for anyone being killed by those that are meant to protect and serve them. Thank you so much for your time,</p>

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6/16/2020 10:09	william woods	<p>I thought the council might be interested in this news item re: your defunding of the Salt Lake City Police Department: From: https://cdllife.com/2020/truck-drivers-say-they-wont-deliver-to-cities-with-defunded-police-departments/ As cities across the country are discussing defunding or disbanding their police departments, truck drivers are voicing concerns of safety. Seventy-seven percent of truck drivers say they will refuse to deliver freight to cities with defunded police departments. Truck driving is historically ranked as one of the most dangerous jobs in the country. In 2018, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistic reported truck driving as the most deadly job in the country. Truck drivers have spent the last year on the front line of a global pandemic and protests. Now many are fearful of what might happen if police departments disband or are defunded. Truck drivers have been voicing their concerns on the CDLLife App. After reading about their concerns, CDLLife posted a poll on the app. We asked drivers on the app, "Would you pick up/deliver to cities with defunded or disbanded police departments? Why or why not?" As of June 13, 2020, we've had over 1,283 respondents and 79% say they will refuse loads to cities with disbanded or defunded police departments. Here are some of their responses: "if something was to happen and you have to take matters into your own hands, and then you risk being prosecuted for protecting yourself." "This is not an area you need to act fearless and think you you'd look like a fool for saying no! Imagine what kind of fool you look like for driving into a hot spot and putting your life in danger." "I will not deliver to an area with a disbanded police department. My life matter and I do this for my family. We are already at the mercy of these towns and cities with laws and hate against us for parking, getting a meal or even using a restroom." The Council and mayor's should consider the consequences of their actions with regard to actual facts and the law rather than publicly posturing against police actions for purposes of political expediency. Sincerely,</p>

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6/16/2020 10:08	Sebastian Smith	You have got to be FUCKING kidding me. your officers make thousands of unnecessary arrests a year, your officers are untrained to deal with Mental Health crisis, and your officers are fucking racist as hell and you want to fucking give them more fucking money? Are you fucking kidding me? You have zero transparency with your fucking Police Department as it is right now and you want to give them more fucking money? you haven't released the entire video of Bernardo Palacios is murder from the second that they picked up the call to the second that they picked up his body, the entirety of the video you can't even fucking release and you want to give your police more fucking money? you treat the homeless in our community like some shitstain that causes you an eyesore, and you want to give the police more fucking money? The housing crisis in Utah is through the fucking roof, more and more people are ending up home with every single fucking day, and you want to give the police department more fucking money? Do your fucking jobs and take care of the fucking Community before you take care of your fucking pockets and your fucking dogs.
6/16/2020 10:11	Matt Wilson	I have been reading about the "defunding" the police and think those principles are a great idea. Perhaps some of the police budget could be allocated for a mental health service among other things to avoid escalating situations with violence. Please read more here for a more eloquent and detailed description: https://www.aclu.org/news/criminal-lawreform/defunding-the-police-will-actually-make-us-safer/

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6/16/2020 10:08	Willa Gibson	<p>Dear Salt Lake City Council, I am very disappointed to hear that the Salt Lake City Council has proposed an increase to the SLCPD budget after thousands of Salt Lake residents have called for a decrease in the budget. I understand that the city council is acting with good intentions of reforming the police department and keeping our city safe, but defunding the police is the necessary step towards racial justice and less violence. "We can't police our way out of social issues, unemployment, disproportionate health issues, economic challenges -- these are things that drive crime," (https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/09/us/disband-police-camden-new-jersey-trnd/index.html) Rather than creating more violence in our communities and making many residents feel unsafe with police presence, the city council should be investing in the community and redirecting funds towards programs that address the root causes of crime and help those who need support. Many cities already use social workers and other unarmed professionals to answer calls that police traditionally do. This article highlights such a program in Eugene, Oregon. "Under the model, instead of police, a medic and a mental health worker are dispatched for calls such as welfare checks or potential overdoses. In 2017, such teams answered 17% of the Eugene Police Department's overall call volume. This has saved the city, on average, \$8.5 million each year from 2014-2017, according to the White Bird Clinic." (www.hcn.org/issues/52.7/public-health-theres-already-an-alternative-to-calling-the-police) People who are experiencing mental health crises or homelessness should not be criminalized or met with violence and police who are not properly trained in de escalation and mental health counseling. Utah has the disproportionately highest rate of police killings of black people in the country. "In Utah, the African Americans comprise just 1.06 percent of the population but they accounted for 10 percent of police killings over the past seven years - a disproportional rate of 9.21 times." *Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Willa Gibson	<p>* Continued 2/2* (www.aljazeera.com/indepth/interactive/2020/05/mapping-police-killings-black-americans-200531105741757.html) This statistic alone should be enough to compel the city council to take drastic action to reduce the police department and find non violent community based solutions. If Salt Lake City is to be the modern, forward thinking city that it hopes to be, we need to defund the police department. There are many effective solutions to community problems that do not involve armed and racist officers. 16 cities have already pledged to defund their police departments in the last few weeks. Salt Lake City needs to be next. This is an amazing moment to take initiative and bell've in the power of the people and community programs. If the city council does not take this opportunity, you will be on the wrong side of history. If you are not listening to your constituents, you are not doing your job and we want a decrease of \$30 million from the SLCPD budget. Thank you for your time</p>
6/16/2020 10:09	torin mcdonald	<p>hi, I bell've that the funding designated for the slcpd could be better used for schools and infrastructure to support social workers and mental health experts who are better equipped to respond to 911 calls than the police are. Lets start building our community from a place where we can reduce the need for cops through education and other resources, rather than the reactionary response that police inherently represent. thanks.</p>
6/16/2020 10:09	Alicia Cunningham-Bryant	<p>I write to voice my support for reallocating financial resources away from the police and to social services and community programs. As continually evidenced by the violence perpetrated by police against our residents of color, even with the deescalation trainings and body cameras, police are still hurting and killing our residents. Rather than spend more money at the same types of reform that are not solving the problem, and especially in a financial climate of flat resources, it is time to reallocate money away from the police to provide better community safety. Investing in social workers to help with mental health calls, rape victims, and wellness checks/resources for our homeless residents, community support workers trained in mediation for deescalation who are known and based in the community, and in schools and counselors in low income communities grounded in trauma informed teaching and support to build stronger communities will help rectify decades of institutionalized racism and lead to a safer and more just Salt Lake City for all of our residents. Thank you for your time.</p>

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6/16/2020 10:10	Zach Clauss	I demand: 1) Require officers who are in charge of enforcing the law to undergo at least a two year training course OR require a 4 year degree. Lawyers require three years why don't cops require it? 2) If mandating body cameras, enact a one-strike policy: if a camera is not turned on when it should have been, that officer is fired. 3) Develop an independent electable committee that reviews police misconduct that no one on the committee may be a previous or current LEO.
6/16/2020 10:15	Ben Jones	I'm extremely disappointed that you have not listened to the huge volume of requests from citizens to reduce the police budget. A department with officers willing to shoot 20 times at someone's back while wearing body cameras is not going to be fixed by bias training or more body cameras. They need to have their scope dramatically curtailed and the resources that would be allocated to them directed towards programs that prevent crime by improving the lives of the SLC residents. As we've seen across the country over the last few weeks, PDs everywhere have exposed their culture of violence towards the people they're supposed to serve and protect. This violence has been repeatedly directed at the most vulnerable members of the community. I hope the mayor and council will discover the courage to stand up to the police union and make the necessary changes. As the Mayor tweeted, the budget is only one facet of what she and the council do, but a budget is a statement of priorities. What this budget shows is that the council prioritizes racist violence over housing and mental health services. It's clear to everyone that these priorities are out of whack.

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6/16/2020 10:11	Jamie Gross	<p>Dear City Council, I am writing you today as an extremely concerned citizen. I have seen your plans to increase police funding, which, quite frankly, is preposterous. Here is why. You are proposing adding \$687000 for body cameras and tasers. When Bernardo Palacios, a 22 year old human being, was senselessly murdered and shot in the back over 20 times as he ran away, it was caught on body cam. The footage was released to the public. And the officers responsible still were never held accountable. Increased funding without increased accountability is a complete waste. This point holds true for your other proposed increases (\$93k for vehicle tech, \$322k for de escalation training). How are you going to hold these officers accountable for their actions? I will say it again : without increased accountability first, this money is a compete waste. Instead of increasing the police budget, I would propose redistributing those funds to services which desparately need them, such as homelessness, education, housing, addiction treatment, and other social services which are currently underfunded. These services will ultimately decrease our need for policing by serving to decrease crime! What a novel idea. I hope you listen to your citizens as we call to reduce police funding. Please show us that you truly listen to your citizens. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Jamie Gross Salt Lake City Resident</p>

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6/16/2020 10:26	Anonymous Constituent	I hope I am in the right place commenting this. I was kind of confused getting here from a news article I read. Anyway, I do not see how taking away money from the police could possibly be a good idea. As I see it, any issues brought up about police brutality would require MORE money (more training, more resources to hold "bad" cops accountable, etc.). Please use your best judgement when making calls today. What is best for our police, and what is best for our population. Do not let yourself be bullied into rash decisions based on a loud group who doesn't necessarily know what they're talking about (maybe they do, but in my experience, all of my associates who have been preaching the defunding narrative are far from experts). If you truly bell've the ideas of this, let's be real, small group (the words of this few thousand, I do not bell've, represent the ideas of the majority of the population), then obviously do what you see fit. But I think the idea of this comment section is for me, as a resident of downtown who has literally been in the middle of this mess the last couple weeks, to voice my opinion. My opinion is that defunding the police is a terrible idea. They already have such an unfathomably difficult job. I do not bell've it'should be mad harder with less money.

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6/16/2020 10:30	Savitri Judd	<p>If they defund the police how can we expect:reform, retrain, rebuild the police if we take the money away???</p> <p>In fact we need to I'vest more money into the police so the above list can happen! We can?t expect social workers to respond to DV calls, look at the cop that died in Ogden 2 weeks ago responding to a DV call. Or a social worker responding to a homeless person- who may be armed and drugged up? Or responding to a substance abuse call- that person mind is already altered and could easily harm the SW. People want to I'vest in the idea of having SW responding to these areas, but why not I'vest in more Victims Advocates? Victim Advocates are trained SW with police training! There used to be 2 advocates per Police department which still isn't enough, but their program got defunded and now the PD are lucky to even have a VA. The police love having VA support for DV calls. But they aren?t and shouldn?t be the first to respond. Police are to make sure it is safe then a VA would come in. Some may worry the budget going to weapons but you can make the budget specific for training and the above list along with more VA. If we want policereform then KEEP their funding and ADD more \$ to the budget so that each dept can have 2 or more victim advocates and get the police can get the additional training they need. Majority of the police officers do their job well and will continue to do so and the I'vestment needs to be placed in their departments so they can eliminate the rogue officers! Do Not repeat history?s mistakes by defunding instead I'veST into out police. Its been proven that defunding the police doesn?t help as it makes matters worse! Talk to the citizens of the states where they have defunded their police, get their perspective. it's 100% different than their official government representatives! Even then, deep inside those elect officials know that defunding the police is wrong and ineffective. Please do not defund and think of the bigger picture. Do not be swayed by celebrities who still use police to protect them and protesters who haven?t done their homework. Do the smart thing keep funding and I'vest in the police. Respectfully, Savitri Judd</p>

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6/16/2020 10:17	Anna Grigsby	<p>I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. Look. I'm sure you have received hundreds of phone calls and emails already and you're not looking forward to reading this one. And that makes me sad. As public officials, the city council represents the people and it is deeply disheartening to feel - as someone who lives in Salt Lake City and is attending the law school there - that my voice doesn't matter and the city council doesn't care. And that was deeply illustrated when the city council decided to increase - rather than decrease - the police budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year. It is deeply offending, problematic, and downright disrespectful for the city council to OPENLY disregard the hundred of voices who have come forward requesting the police department to be de-funded. And after proposing an increase in the already 84 million dollar budget, it is absolutely clear the city council doesn't care to learn or understand what its residents are asking for. (1) Defunding the police isn't just about de-militarization of the police. When people request budget cuts, they aren't simply asking for that money to disappear into thin air. They're asking for it to be re-directed to more crucial areas. I will be the first to admit - I'm not an expert on funding. I don't know where you get the money for the police budget - meaning, I don't know what political favors the council currently owes. But there comes a point where courage is necessary to answer the demands and concerns of Salt Lake City residents. (2) Defunding the Salt Lake City police department is NOT eradicating law enforcement - even after a 30 million budget cut there would still be over a 50 million dollar budget. One approach would be to expand law enforcement - create specialized divisions that are TRAINED and INTERESTED in dealing with noncriminal incidents. There are several cities considering community-based law enforcement models (see Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Minneapolis, Chicago, Dallas, Austin, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Washington D.C., Hartford, etc.). it's simply unfair to ask police officers to handle all the responsibility with what a 911 call can have. Officers aren't adequately trained to handle incidences of mental health, domestic disputes, homelessness, drug overdoses, someone having a bad interaction with drugs, etc. They simply don't have enough training and frankly - *Continued 1/3*</p>

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	Anna Grigsby	<p>*Continued 2/3* I don't think they want to become police officers for these sorts of interactions. A community-based model where 911 calls would be routed to different divisions based on the incident would be ideal. And so when People's say "defund the police" they aren't saying "eradicate law enforcement" or "throw more money at the police for pointless trainings that don't actually have a significant effect on officers' behavior *ahem*." People are asking that law enforcement be expanded - transformed - into what a public safety organization should TRULY be. To give access to services that wealthy people have had for years and those who live in poverty or homelessness aren't even aware of. This is really important. (3) The fact that you blatantly increased the budget shows that you don't understand what I just spelled out in (2). First of all, I'm sure the city council, had they wanted to spend time and even minimal effort, could have carved out 1.3 million dollars from the already 84 million dollar budget to find room for funding tasers and body cams, de-escalation training, and technology for police cars rather than simply shrugging their shoulders and saying "Eh, we'll just increase the budget because it's easy - even though that's the opposite of what our residents asked for." We don't want you to increase the budget. We want you to cut it by at least \$30 million and divert those funds to creating services that actually work to instill public safety in communities that are most at-risk for police brutality, harassment, and violence. (4) This isn't a problem in Utah? Wrong. Just in 2019 alone at least 20 officers received suspensions or had police powers revoked - no legal accountability though. Slaps on the wrist. You think body cams will fix that? Wrong. Body cams have been shown to NOT change the behavior of police officers, but they are only as effective as accountability tools as the police department chooses. And when the institution that is using a device to hold itself accountable - has the power to disregard that accountability? Useless. Tasers? Sure great. Whatever. Find it in the already grossly large budget. Maybe don't hire 20 new police officers for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. I came across a report from 2014 which said that the "use of deadly force by police is the second-most common circumstances in which Utahns killed each other over that time period - only intimate partner violence killed more people."</p>

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	Anna Grigsby	<p>*Continued 3/3* While Utah's homicide rates dipped - police fatally shooting people increased. If you don't think police misconduct - and inevitably racial stereotyping while policing leading to more altercations with people of color - isn't an issue...you clearly are turning a blind eye. And you clearly didn't listen to some of the personal stories told by residents during the public comment hearing. Are you even reading this email? (5) I'm sad. I'm disappointed. And I'm tired. I'm tired of police officers thinking police officers are the only model for law enforcement - I'm tired of city governments agreeing with them - I'm tired of city governments ignoring the demands and concerns of their residents. Do better. Be better. DO the RIGHT thing. Fuck your political favors. Follow in suit of the several cities around the country that are implementing new models of law enforcement - if anything, you'll at least get praise and can sit on your high horse for a while feeling good about yourself because your residents are happy with your work! Whatever you do - don't increase the budget. That is a slap in the face. That is a political statement. You won't be able to take it back. Last, I would like to highlight Amy Fowler - my friend said she was marching next to you at a protest. Protesting is good - but you are in a position to influence minds. I bell've in you. And Darin Mano - thank you for paying attention and taking notes at the public comment hearing. People notice and appreciate. I hope you listen to your residents.</p>

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6/16/2020 10:16	Byron Evershed	I am a resident of Salt Lake City (not currently but I plan to move back in the Fall). I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD. The SLCPD has also seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Police don't need a bigger budget for cars, and weapons. We need that money for education, and for mental healthcare experts (maybe but some in the police force), and of course I'vestment into the homelessness problem, poor communities, communities of color, and Native Americans. Doing this, along with putting the right people in charge, and prisonreform, will be long term solutions to deep problems that are hundreds of years old. It won?t be easy, you will get a lot of hate for it, but long term you will be remembered, and this starts with the police system. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Be on the right side of history, set an example for the rest of the state.
6/16/2020 10:20	Pam Kelley	Please Do Not cave into the crazy thought of defunding our police departments this will be the worst thing to EVER happen in Utah!

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6/16/2020 10:19	Haleigh Larmer	Hello Andrew Johnston, I am a Salt Lake City resident in District 2, emailing you for the first time. I am here, as a citizen you represent, to hold you and the city council accountable for your actions. We are asking you to listen to our demands, but do more than that. Execute our demands. EXECUTION OF THESE DEMANDS IS OUR DEMAND. Read again. EXECUTION OF THESE DEMANDS IS OUR DEMAND. There is no compromise. We see through that. Our Demands: DO NOT JUST REALLOCATE FUNDS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. I am asking for a 30 million dollar police budget cut to be reallocated into education, housing, and mental health. These sectors NEED the financial support to strengthen our community. I see the proposed budget. I see the disproportionate amount the police receives. You have your reasons. I disagree with them. Show us, through action, through defunding the police, that you actually aim to strengthen the community you live in, instead of being influenced by whatever position above you has made you agree to overfunding the police. Take action. Show us that we can bell've you will do the right thing. If not, we?ll vote you out. We are engaged in a way were not before. It is different now. Take note. OUR COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE IS DIFFERENT NOW. Make the right choice and stand on the true side of justice. You are in a position of power to listen to the citizens of Salt Lake City, me. I am watching, I am listening, I will remember your participation in this critical time. Thank you, Haleigh Larmer Sent from my iPhone

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6/16/2020 10:44	Kailen Fernandez	<p>I am a homeowner and also rent space in my home here in SLC. I am hoping my voice is heard. I fully support a re-evaluation of the police force here in SLC. I have first hand, as a white person, watch officers treat myself very differently than I've seen them with people of other races. I have a few things to say about how we can change that. 1. Fund Training. This needs to be vertically integrated also. 911 dispatchers are the first line of hope for many in desperate situations. They need to also be trained to avoid bias in how the handle, dispatch and provide notes on calls. I have been hung up on by dispatch for refusing to identify the race of a victim of assault after a domestic incident across the street. 2. don't forget about the influence highways, bikeways, architecture and city planning has on race relations and poverty. Spending millions on new streetlights in predominantly white neighborhoods while my block and everything west of I-15 gets ugly cell towers, leaning light posts and chip sealed pavement perpetuates the racial inequality you are now charged with addressing. 3. The cost of car ownership has long been associated with keeping families in poverty. it's time to re-evaluate if widening highways, spending more money on parking for those who can afford to live in white suburbs, and choosing slow and unreliable busses over fast trains and transit hubs is really the way forward. I encourage you to work with the State and leverage their spending on highways to also benefit those families trying to save and improve their situation by having reduced car ownership and use. Where is the affordable housing along trax? Where is the affordable housing downtown? *Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Kailen Fernandez	<p>*Continued 2/2* Where is also the integration of this housing with market price units to that those who are struggling can still live with dignity and surrounded by economic diversity? The city needs to stop corralling poor and black people into ?projects? like that on 800 South and 400 East. A fair and equal society must be an integrated society. 4. Please take a long view. Before defunding police or slashing budgets please make sure that those important roles are still filled by someone. We still need trained and potentially armed responders to domestic violence calls. We still need someone to respond to the daily crash in front of the Bagel Project because of folks parking in the traffic lane. We still need to keep those highway workers safe from inattentive drivers. We still need to l'vestigate crime and property theft. 5. Immediately we need to see cops out of cars. Each officer has taken an oath to protect and serve. That is very hard to do behind a closed car window. If you want to save money, start by reducing the cop cars, not the cops. Force them to actually meet the people in these neighborhoods and walk within their precincts. Stop allowing 5 units to congregate instantly over one homeless person at Smith?s. These are my thoughts. Respectfully, Kai</p>
6/16/2020 10:28	Amanda Hartzler	<p>I am a resident ofSalt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I am a middle school teacher. My beautiful students deserve to live in a world free from fear of police brutality. I bell've more money should be spent on social services and education, not more militarization of the police force. I am aware that these proposed extra funds are supposed to go to body cameras and additional training, but I have seen so many times where body cameras and training did not save the lives of minorities in our community. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in education or other social services.</p>

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6/16/2020 10:23	Simone Williams	Hello Representative Valdemoros, I am emailing in response to the recent budget proposal regarding the SLCPD as a concerned citizen. I bell've increasing the budget is a mistake. Transparency is not the issue. We need to allocate the funds into community care, not policing and control. Many others and I are demanding the following: 1. No spending on body cams, tasers, or police technology. 2. No spending on de-escalation training. 3. No new hires in the police department for the next fiscal year. 4. A \$30M budget cut. The police are not the way forward. We must demand a future without police violence. Justice for Bernardo Palacios. Thank you for your time. Respectfully, Simone Williams
6/16/2020 10:32	Greta Geary	<p>This is my letter to my districts council member Dear Council Member Ana Valdemoros, I am writing to you today to ask you to seriously reconsider the city's proposed 2020-21 budget increase of 1.3 million dollars towards the Salt Lake Police Department. I bell've it is crucial for the physical and emotional wellbeing of all Salt Lake City residents that the Council adopts a 'People's Budget' that prioritizes supportive community services and redirects tax dollars away from the police-force. I am a twenty-three year old graduate from the University of Utah. As a life-long SLC inhabitant I am sorry to say this was my first time reading the city budget proposal- realizing this is just one of the many wake up calls and holes in my knowledge I've recognized so far this year. I took the time to examine the proposal closely, taking notes, and comparing figures. I feel ashamed for not activating my mind and voice in local politics more in past years, but pledge to continue to do so in my years to come as a Salt Lake City resident. I used to think that policereform was vital only in other larger cities, but have since confronted this privileged view in light of tragic incidents such as the death of Bernardo Palacios and the despicable police conduct seen in the handling of Lauren McCluskey's case (and many more). I also was shocked to learn that black people in Utah are killed at a higher disproportion than any other state. As we've seen in Utah and across the US, pastreform tactics such as de-escalation training and use of body cameras are not leading to improved conditions or positive change. The countless videos recorded by bystander witnesses as well as police body-cam footage reveal the inexcusable patterns of white supremacy deeply embedded into the American police-force *Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Greta Geary	<p>*Continued 2/2* We need immediate and concrete change. We need to completely reconsider what public safety and social justice systems can look like? systems that utilize practices of social services, healthcare, community outreach, and empathy over practices of intimidation, surveillance, and brute force. This is not a far fetched idea! We can look to other nations and American communities as leading examples in successful alternatives to heavily armed, inadequately trained, dangerously reactive cops. At this very moment, I bell've you and your colleagues have the rare opportunity to totally reimagine new systems of public safety and criminal justice that work for everyone in Salt Lake City. In fact, we all have a unique opportunity during this tumultuous, revealing year to become visionaries working together to dismantle and thoroughly transform our current police department into a system that serves every neighborhood, race, ethnicity, income level, gender identity, sexual orientation, and age group. Thank you for your time</p>
6/16/2020 10:23	leuan Thomas	<p>Hello, Recently there were many requests for SLC to cut the police budget, yet there is a proposition to increase the police budget. I do not support the spending the budget on body cams, de-escalation trading and tasers, as these things are shown not to improve public safety or increase police accountability. We have all recently seen police violence on film, where the police officers and departments are not held responsible. I and many others would like to see a \$30 million cut to the police budget. This money could be reallocated to social work, education and housing programs. -leuan Thomas</p>

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6/16/2020 10:26	Bianca Thompson	<p>I am a resident of Salt Lake County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.</p>

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6/16/2020 10:32	Grace Fahey	Hello, My name is Grace and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to you to please consider the re-allocation of police budget funds towards social services such as education and health services for our minority populations. Majority of Salt Lake county schools lackessential resources that will improve the lives and opportunities for our minority community. We l'vest for our police department to have riot gear and military weapons when our schools can not even afford nurses or counselors. For example, I urge you to l'vest in mental health counselors, nurses, social workers, instead of our police. Students should NOT have to advocate for themselves, nor be scared of the systems that should protect and help them. By improving these areas, we will be able to reduce crime and increase safety in our city. l'vesting in our police department will only marginalize our communities of color even more. I demand you to consider l'vesting in our PEOPLE and the future of our community and divesting in our police departments. We need toreform the system that has been oppressing our people for far too long. Thank you, Grace Fahey
6/16/2020 10:24	Ashley Patterson	I?d like to ask that you redirect the 2.6% increase for the public safety department to YouthCity. I understand completely dismantling the police is not likely to happen, but this simple redirection to kids, often from lower income households makes a huge difference in the future of our community and at the same time, sends a powerful message. I hope you?ll consider it. Thanks so much for your efforts on behalf of Salt Lake City.
6/16/2020 10:26	Bianca Shama	I want to write to you to let you know my disappointment in additional or even flat funding of the SLC Police Department. The timing seems ripe for a real change when Salt Lake is making national news for police brutality that highlights the systemic problems ingrained in our current police system. Salt Lake has an opportunity to reallocate budgets to meet the real needs of the people it'serves and attack the problems where they stem. We don't need more over-policing of problems that would be better handled at their roots (social services, education, health care). I would like to see you stand for the people you serve and advocate for real change by putting an inflated police budget towards the real problems in our broken system, so maybe our own children don't have to witness the inequity of the society we are faced with today.

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6/16/2020 10:26	Juliana Wright	PLEASE: 1.Redistribute police funds to community and neighborhood more evenly. why are the police getting 84,000,000 for 2021 and homelessness and communities getting 24,000,000!? 2. TRAIN the COMMUNITY members in deescalation tactics and mental health. not guns. we don't need policies of transparency. We KNOW murderers are getting off the hook. stop it. 3. Demilitarize! there is no reason all cops need guns. have a special few ready for dangerous calls. not all. Use that money for low income communities and programs of safety. not control. 4. WHY is there a 2.59% increase in police funding being proposed!? do they need another helicopter to find people who are unhappy about their own city? listen to those voices (especially undocumented or of color). don't shoot and arrest them for existing or complaining.

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6/16/2020 10:28	Ann Hollowell	<p>As a person of faith, I bell've police violence and brutality against black men and women must end now, particularly in light of the tragic and senseless recent killing of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and so many others. Police violence and systemic racial injustice is tied to America?s original sin of racism and the abhorrent legacy of white supremacy. The time for boldreforms that ensure equal justice under the law extends to everyone is now. As your constituent and a person of faith, I am asking you to do away with policies that lead to the unequal treatment of and violence against black, Indigenous, and people of color and adoptreforms drawn from evidence-based recommendations in the Task Force on 21st Century Policing Report, Campaign Zero, and more. Specifically, we call on mayors, local officials, and local police precincts to:</p> <p>? Ban chokeholds and neck restraints in all cases ? Require officers to de-escalate situations when possible, eliminating or reducing the need to use force ? Require officers to give a verbal warning before shooting ? Require officers to exhaust all other alternatives, including non-force and less-lethal force options prior to resorting to deadly force ? Ban shooting at moving vehicles ? Require officers to intervene and stop the use of excessive force by other officers ? Establish a use of force continuum that restricts the most severe types of force ? Require officers to report each time they use force or threaten to use force against civilians. Every city'should adopt these policies immediately. Furthermore, we call on you to begin the process now to reimagine public safety by rel'vesting city budgets in programs that expand and enhance restorative justice programs, provide alternatives to incarceration, demilitarize the police, provide crisis intervention and de-escalation training, increase community engagement, and expand holistic collaborative services. The time is now to finally fix this broken system, locally and nationally.</p>
6/16/2020 10:29	Brandon Moore	<p>I've read the councils comment on the shooting. And I can guarantee every member of that council would not have been chasing after a man with a gun, but in fact running the opposite direction. Why? Because of fear. However, police overcome that fear, realize they have a duty to serve and protect, and chase after what gives them fear. If this man had not robbed someone at gun point, ran from the police after being given countless opportunities to to comply, and then not reached for the gun, he would be alive today. Those are the FACTS.</p>

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6/16/2020 10:29	Lindsey Painter	The police departments mission is to protect and serve, however that's only reserved for communities of privilege, often communities that are primarily white. More services and funding need to be allocated toward communities that are underprivileged in order to provide improved access to mental health, education, housing and other social services. Budget increases for more body cams, de-escalation training, and more police hires are unacceptable and do not at all address the issues of inequality.
6/16/2020 10:30	Jamie Reeves	Hello, I am writing you tonight to advocate for the defunding of the police. I do not feel comfortable with my taxpayer dollars going to a service that makes my Black neighbors feel unsafe. Instead of funding the police department, I would like to see this sizable chunk of funds reallocated to community services: things that can better our community and help reduce crime in the first place. I want to see a version of public safety that does not use police. They don't work for us anymore. We have recognized their faults and no longer will accept their violence. Defund the police. Signed, Jamie Reeves
6/16/2020 10:46	Amber Davis	I strongly believe that our men and women in blue do not make enough. For what they do they definitely need paid more. You get what you pay for!

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6/16/2020 10:39	Allyson Berri	<p>Council Member Valdemoros, I am a recent University of Utah graduate living in your district. I am writing to discourage the proposed increase in police department funding for the 2020-2021 budget. I know the SLCPD budget for the upcoming year has gained much resident attention over the past few weeks, and that the council has responded by rejecting the frequently suggested \$30 million decrease in funding. I know the council has considered increasing department funding for body cameras and de-escalation training, but I urge the council to instead make department policy changes such as suspending paid administrative leave for cops under investigation and requiring cops to be liable for their own misconduct settlements. These changes will both bolster officer accountability and allow the city to direct more funding to other, less-funded areas of the budget. I understand that an ongoing pandemic does not create the easiest circumstances for best estimating budget needs. However, these circumstances provide all the more reason to cut police department funding for the upcoming fiscal year. Public services, for example, is facing a recommended budget cut of about \$6 million, and the sustainability budget is facing proposed cuts of almost \$3 million. Why increase funding for a department that has received an almost \$10 million increase in funding in the last two years in the middle of a pandemic and an economic recession? wouldn't that money be better invested in resources that could help communities of color (who have been hardest hit by the pandemic) during this difficult time? Lastly, I encourage the council's willingness to consider efforts to put \$2.8 million of SLCPD into a separate account, especially the provision that would create \$1.6 million back into Salt Lake's communities of color. I strongly feel that this is a start to putting police department money into the communities most affected by police violence</p>

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6/16/2020 10:47	Jackie Rosen	Dear Amy, I have really enjoyed watching the recent city council meetings and hearing so many members of our community comment on the budget process. However, I was honestly quite disappointed to hear that, after ~10 hours of public comment and, I'm sure, numerous emails and phone calls, the city council has decided to increase the police department budget. This is exactly the opposite of what so many voices are asking for. I would like to add my support to a substantial budget cut to the police department coupled with an increase in services for underserved populations in our city, such as affordable housing initiatives, city libraries, and after-school programs. I bell've that increasing funding to pay for additional body cameras and training for the Salt Lake City Police Department is the wrong decision. it's extremely frustrating that, after so much public input, the city council has come to the same decision that they discussed on June 2, prior to all the public comment. Based on the comments you and other members of the council have made about the shooting of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal, I really expected more of a concerted effort from the city council to make some major shifts to how the city budget is structured. I hope that those changes happen. Best, Jackie Rosen

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6/16/2020 10:35	Jason Christensen	<p>Mayor Erin Mendenhall, First and foremost, Black Lives Matter Close second, Defund the Police I am writing to you as a resident of Salt Lake City, district 5 and I DEMAND to be heard. That's all I will demand. Because I do not bell've positive change can be achI'ved by force or coercion. I want to urge you to revise the city budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 and defund the Salt Lake City police department by at least \$30 million. I bell've this money could be better used to I'vest in resources and organizations that aim to provide help to people who need help. More specifically, I would like to see a stronger effort made to provide, at the very least, housing, food, and healthcare (including mental healthcare and addiction treatment) for anyone who needs it, but especially for people experiencing homelessness, hunger, poverty, and addiction (all of which are conditions experienced disproportionately by non-white people). These are groups of people who's very existence has been criminalized by a culture of distance, indulgence, and fear. A culture rooted in the ideologies of white supremacy and colonialism. Police departments aren't designed to help these groups of people and police officers aren't trained or equipped to help them. Do not mistake this for a suggestion to redesign policing or for any additional training and equipment for officers. What I'm saying is that the police should not be expected or asked to deal with these problems. Yes, I'm asking for money to be redirected away from the SLCPD but I'm also (and maybe more importantly) asking for responsibilities and expectations to be redirected away from the SLCPD. I bell've that a well funded department of social workers and healthcare professionals (including mental healthcare professionals) would be far better suited and far more likely to provide solutions to the problems that we (those of us who have and hoard) often perceive in people who do not have and are actively deprived of the things they need to live. I'm not only calling on elected officials and I'm not only talking about your decisions and actions as the People's representatives in government. I'm talking about me too. I'm talking about you when you're not representing your constituents. I'm talking about every person who has access to these necessities (housing, food, and healthcare) and still has resources to spare. I bell've that we are collectively capable of providing every person with what they need to live a life not entirely free of suffering, because that's not really the goal, but a life free of near-constant suffering, a life that doesn't look like and (I can only imagine) feel like a punishment. I know on a personal level how hard it can be to let go of the aforementioned distance, indulgence, and fear. I've spent most of my life in the pursuit of a happiness made up of comparative superiority, material wealth, and safety. We have all seen a lot in the last two weeks. I've seen so much violence, anger, and pain but almost counterintuitively I have never felt happier or more</p>

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6/16/2020 10:37	Bill Reed	and I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote.
6/16/2020 10:44	Michelle Jenkins	Please do not take funding away from the police. The police work hard to keep us safe. Get them the additional body cameras for both their sake and others, but don't take from them. Back them up & give them the support they need and deserve. Michelle Jenkins

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6/16/2020 10:52	Aileen Norris	<p>I am a constituent of yours in District 4 of Salt Lake City. I am reaching out, as so many of my fellow citizens, to express my concern and frustration over the increase in the SLC police department's budget. I especially am disappointed that after so many phone calls and emails asking for a decrease in the police department's budget, the council has decided on an increase. I echo the demands for a \$30 million decrease in the police department's budget, and I question in particular \$780,000 going to body cameras, tasers, and car technology. Body cameras did not stop police officers from shooting at Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal more than 20 times while he was running away. It has become more and more evident to me that pastreform ideas do not prevent police brutality; they only document it. This funding will not enact impactful change. I urge you and your fellow councilmembers to reduce the SLC Police Department's budget by at least \$30 million--and/or commit to a continual decrease for future police department budgets--and instead I'vest into programs that will franchise our most vulnerable populations, including our Black and Brown communities. As a dance artist, I'd like to advocate in particular for better funding for art programs in education and after-school programs, alongside social work programs, housing initiatives, and mental health advocates.</p>

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6/16/2020 10:47	Jackson Keller	<p>City Council members and Mayor Mendenhall, I appreciate your efforts to consider the concerns of your constituents relating to police brutality in our nation, state, and city. I am aware that you proposed some changes to the SLCPD budget during the June 11th City Council meeting (1). While I recognize that you made these changes with the best intentions, I still demand more from you. I have already written to you twice, both before the June 2nd, and June 9th meetings, demanding that you increase police accountability and make meaningful reform while simultaneously defunding our police department. I write in solidarity with my fellow citizens demanding a \$30 million dollar budget cut and a hiring freeze for all officers during the next fiscal year. I will address the budget changes in the order they appear on the City Council website below and outline why they are insufficient. Creating a commission dedicated to addressing police brutality and racial inequality in policing is a step in the right direction. I look forward to hearing more about this commission in the coming weeks, and I hope that it will truly have the power to hold officers accountable for their actions. However, "moving funds out of the Police Department for training and equipment purchases (body cameras and tech, tasers, etc.)" fails to meet the demands of your citizens. Defunding the police means reducing their budget. While reallocation of the police budget is important and should accompany police defunding, this change is not enough. The Police department is still receiving all of this funding for training and technology, so you're not really moving funds out of the department. De-escalation training is important but was ineffective in Minneapolis and other cities across the country. What proved far more effective in the case of Camden, NJ was a total dissolution of their police department, which was then rebuilt from the ground up. If you have not already studied this particular case, I urge you to do so (2). I believe Camden more accurately represents the potential positives and negatives of how we are asking you to use your power. While I recognize that each city is unique, I do not have total faith in training a department with an already entrenched culture -- a department led by a chief who can say that he doesn't think that the SLCPD has a problem with implicit bias and structural racism (3). *Continued 1/4*</p>

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	Jackson Keller	<p>*Continued 2/4* This is the same department that arrested 46 protestors on May 30, many of whom were within their rights to peacefully protest injustice, and failed to arrest a white supremacist who threatened the lives of those very same protestors with a bow. This is the same department that killed Patrick Harmon and Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal even though those officers received "extensive training [...] on implicit bias" (3). Everyone has implicit biases to some extent, so to ignore the importance that bias plays in policing is dangerous. Certainly, Utah as a whole is not exceptional when it comes to a lack of racial profiling, can you honestly say the SLCPD is much better? Further, I'veesting additional funds in body cameras and tasers won't make a meaningful, positive impact. We have bodycam footage from the shooting of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal. In that footage, we hear one of the three officers involved in the pursuit'say "Tase him, tase him, tase him!" before they shoot Bernardo approximately 20 times as he runs away (4). Tasers and body cameras didn't save Bernardo's life, even though the officers were evidently equipped with tasers and had the capacity to use them. If officers are going to preference lethal force over tasers, then supplying them with tasers is useless unless you are simultaneously disarming those officers of lethal weaponry. Bodycam footage has not led to accountability for those officers nor the officers who killed Patrick Harmon as he ran away. Note that the officers who killed Patrick also used a taser, but when guns are used alongside nonlethal force, that nonlethal force means nothing. If you can reallocate funds within the department towards tech that will have no positive impact, it is your duty to instead distribute those funds towards infrastructure and community improvement. Holding \$2.8 million in SLCPD funding is again, a step in the right direction. However, this falls far short of what your citizens have consistently asked of you. This is a fraction of the \$30 million cut that we have asked for. The department can survive with that type of budget cut, that's the budget it had in 2013 (5).</p>

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	Jackson Keller	<p>*Continued 3/4* Crime rates have not risen dramatically in SLC over the last decade (6), and holding a portion of the budget is not the same as divesting those funds towards community improvements that will actually decrease crime. A rise in nonviolent crime has also driven much of the growth of crime in recent years, while serious crime has declined (6). It makes sense that we would have growth in non-violent, minor offenses when we criminalize homelessness and simultaneously remove resources that our homeless population depends on. We are misl'vesting our resources if we increase our police budget instead of addressing our homelessness crisis. If the Council is considering "mov[ing] some [community response] functions out of the department," then we will need funding for new agencies of social workers, traffic experts, sexual assault nurse examiners, caseworkers, and more who can actually address the issues that pertain to their fields, leaving police to deal with the issues that their training primarily covers: violent crime (). The ban on chokeholds and the use of tear gas are good policy changes (3). Interest in an "ordinance requiring the public sharing of information collected by the Police Department that is of policy interest to the Council and the public" is promising (1). Setting aside \$1.7 million for l'vestment in communities of color is promising. Support for the idea that "COVID-19 related stimulus dollars received be prioritized to address community programs" is promising. An outside audit of the police department provides hope. But hope is not enough right now, we need increased action. You have said that the police budget will be an ongoing conversation even after the budget has been adopted. We will continue to have that conversation week after week if you fail to represent us. Although I cannot find this information in your recap of the June 11th work meeting, I have seen some sources (7) indicate that increases in technology and training, as well as the hiring of 3 new victim advocates, will equate to a \$1,344,394 increase in the SLCPD budget. An increase in budget is antithetical to the requests of your constituents. I have already outlined why we should not deprive our communities of resources for the sake of technology or training aimed atreform. I support the hiring of victim advocates, but I ask that funding for those advocates come from the existing police budget, not an increased budget. If it is too hard to find that money in the budget,</p>

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	Jackson Keller	<p>*Continued 4/4* my request would be that you immediately fire the officers who killed Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal and use their salaries for the victim advocates. In my last comment, I asked that you also address thereforms from https://8cantwait.org</p> <p><https://8cantwait.org/?fbclid=IwAR2rjcChivQLd2Ve9ztAxZAYRs8vrpV3l8CqU4heabpMc4azPtWZUbPFmHA> .</p> <p>Many of thosereforms are policy changes that should not require a budget increase. In the case of de-escalation training, I would like to make it abundantly clear that I preference police defunding over policereform based on the experiences of cities across the nation wherereform has failed. Has the City Council ever heard a more overwhelming response to any issue? You have received so many comments in recent council sessions that you've had to alter the timeline for publishing those comments so they can all be processed. Thousands of citizens are taking the time to write these comments to you or sit-in on meetings. Thousands more are out in the streets protesting during a pandemic. These are the citizens who will vote in upcoming elections and will not forget how you respond to this issue. If you fail in your duty to represent and advocate for your citizens, why should they trust you with re-election? Your duty is to your citizens, not UFOP. I know you're trying to appease a city with differing views, but consider the importance of this response. We have the incredible opportunity to address the root issues of inequality in our society, to build something better instead of criminalizing those who suffer from systemic inequality. Now is a moment for real change. Please recognize how incredible, and essential that change will be. Your constituent, Jackson Keller 1. https://www.slcc.gov/council/meeting-recaps/june-11-council-meeting/ 2. https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/09/us/disband-police-camden-new-jersey-trnd/index.html 3. https://www.fox13now.com/news/local-news/slcpd-will-formally-ban-use-of-chokeholds-and-tear-gas 4. https://www.deseret.com/utah/2020/6/8/21284209/salt-lake-city-police-shooting-unlawful-bernardo-palacios-carbajal-amy-fowler-council 5. https://www.sltrib.com/news/politics/2020/06/09/salt-lake-city-council-2/ 6. https://www.sltrib.com/news/politics/2018/01/02/think-crime-is-on-the-rise-in-salt-lake-city-its-been-dropping-serious-crime-especially/ 7. https://www.instagram.com/p/CBVxKzdhY1G/</p>

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6/16/2020 10:45	Peter Holslin	Hi Councilman Wharton, I'm a resident of District 3, living in the Avenues, and I wanted to reach out and write you an email to respectfully request that you support the public call in recent days to cut \$30 million from the budget of the Salt Lake City Police Department and reroute those funds for a more peaceful and just purpose. I understand that this is a complicated and fraught undertaking. But these are fraught times, and the political leaders of this city need to take a stand and enact drastic measures to take the first steps towardsreforming America's broken law enforcement system. Police departments across the United States are built on a culture of violence, toxicity, and lack of accountability. Many police practices in this country are built on flawed cultural assumptions and racist attitudes. Salt Lake has its similarities and differences with other police departments, of course, but it's clear that just like everywhere else, officers here are given outstanding powers to often disastrous and lethal results. They gunned down Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal in the street as he was stumbling around and running away. They knocked down an elderly man during a protest recently. Last year they were caught on video unleashing violent and aggressive tactics against mostly peaceful protesters in the Salt Lake Chamber lobby. I don't bell've that all police are bad. What I bell've is that the policing system is bad. it's a system that gives officers lethal weapons, entrusts them to take lethal action, and shields them from accountability -- even in cases when they are shown to be racist, incompetent, or unfit to work under pressure. Who should ever be given such power? *Continued 1/2*

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	Peter Holslin	<p>*Continued 2/2* We need a new system entirely because this way of doing things does not work. A \$30 million cut to the police budget is a crucial first step. it'sends the message that police officers, police departments, and the cities that fund them will be held to account for the actions of all police in America. It gives Salt Lake City extra funds to cover the cost of public transportation, public amenities, education programs, and other initiatives that can help build up Salt Lake's most marginalized and vulnerable communities in ways that law enforcement never will. (The City Council will have to ask those communities what they need because I can't speak for the homeless, the working poor, or people of color.) And hopefully, this drastic loss of funds can inspire a bit of reflection among police officers and city leaders here. We need new models for policing and law enforcement. Less militarized gear, less threat of force, and more community building and communal accountability. Now it's time to think about what those models should be. I have only lived in Salt Lake for a year but I've been impressed with the sincerity and integrity of the city's leaders. I have no doubt that you are taking this issue seriously and thinking on it deeply. Now, to borrow a quote from Spike Lee, I urge you to do the right thing <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nPgn4yNmLXI> . Defund the police so we can move forward as a city and as a country. Thank you. Black Lives Matter! Best, Peter Holslin -- Peter Holslin</p>
6/16/2020 10:38	Nicole Stagg	<p>it's sad to feel like you and other city council members are only hearing the people they want to hear, not the people who are involved on the ground. Please, do not increase the police budget. You know how many times I see one too many police come out for a call? Did you see how many police rallied to protect capital, but not people because of the protests? What would they have been doing otherwise? Tasers and tear gas and all manner of militia weapons don't need to have more money spent on. Body cams-which aren't even fully disclosed to the public UNTIL THERE IS PRESSURE and are sometimes TURNED OFF must not be spent on. Can you please do your job...which right now I have little faith in, to actually listen to your people like you claim to do and VOTE AGAINST the proposed budget? UGH, Nicole S.</p>
6/16/2020 10:53	Cassandra Stokes-Wylie	<p>I strongly support defunding the poilice and am strongly opposed to increasing that part of the budget. That money should be given to schools and other social programs.</p>

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6/16/2020 11:03	Josh Stohl	Defund the police, disowns them and make them reapply for their jobs. Take the increase (and then some) you were going to give them and find rapid response social workers and other community based solutions for things that the cops should not be responding to in the first place.
6/16/2020 10:38	Emilia Wint	<p>As a resident and homeowner in Salt Lake City I demand the city council vote to defund the SLPD by at LEAST 30 million dollars. I am asking you to be brave. Stand up for a less violent world - a less violent Salt Lake City. The murder of Bernando Palacios on May 23rd only goes to show the officers in this department are completely out of control. They shot him in the back more than 30 times - so many they had to reload their guns. Someone running AWAY from you is not a threat that requires emptying your clip. That happened 9 blocks from my home and I am sickened. The proposed budget increase is a disgusting response to your constituents calls to allocate police funds to other community services. Further arming these officers with tazers, more body cams, and more technology is NOT going to change the outrageous problem of racism and exessive within the SLPD. We need community control of the police. We need social workers. We need a robust network of specialized services to take over MOST of the tasks our violent police force is not equipped to handle. Nationally, 6% of crimes are violent. We do not need armed officers responding to non-violent crimes. They inherently escalate the situation and the idea that adding more cops and more de-escalation training to solve a problem born of too many cops is embarassing. Be brave. Imagine a Salt Lake City where instead of paying police overtime to militarized downtown for OVER A WEEK we have the funds to pay our teachers enough. To feed our kids enough. To provide affordable housing and healthcare and public transportation. The police are not keeping us safe - but the community COULD keep us safe if they were FUNDED the way the police are.</p>

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6/16/2020 10:52	Anonymous Constituent	<p>Our men and women in blue deserve more funding. Most are underpaid to do one of the nations high risk jobs. we talk about officers as if there is not a person behind that uniform. that person behind the uniform is a human being. they have children, spouses, mothers and fathers etc. imagine if your job meant that you may not get to come home at night to kiss your kids to sleep? imagine the mental Olympics that go on for an officer who has to witness the aftermath of a child who has been abused... a woman who has been abused, a drug overdose gone wrong.... people who hate them every day because they put on a badge. imagine if that were you? imagine if you had to arrive on scene to a car accident that was fatal. imagine all of the horror they see, and day after day choose to go back and put on that uniform because they store to protect and serve regardless. imagine if that human wearing a uniform were your child, high ambitions of helping people in the community. would you want to strip your child of their livelihood, because one officer was out of line? Do not defend your police department, because it is a hot topic and Everyone is doing it, its the hot new trend. you should spend more to get these men and women de-escalation training, get them mental health counseling, start community programs where they can meet your officers, and spend time with them so people can realize they are human. not a single one of you is perfect at what you do. but you learn and adapt. give the same courtesy to the men and eomen in blue. Not a lot of people are willing to do what they do, because there is little reward. but they cherish that little award and do all they can to protect and serve. it's your chance to ensure you don't harm these men and women. it's starts with you.</p>
6/16/2020 10:39	Jamie Sack	<p>Good morning, I would like to propose again that the fiscal budget be focused on providing funds to education, healthcare, and community services instead of spending millions of dollars on the police department. I understand that funding the police department is important, but it seems that this money could be spent giving back to the community in order to reduce poverty, which reduces crime. At this time, the money spent on the police department should be focused on racial sensitivity training, de-escalation training, and other programs that train police to treat citizens like they are human instead of enemies. Thank you for your time Jamie Sack</p>

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6/16/2020 10:40	Brooklynn Johnson	I'm a resident of District 24 in SLC. I'm emailing to express frustration and disappointment about the adjustments proposed since the last City Council Meeting. it's outrageous to allocate more funding towards the SLCPD after all the efforts we as a public are making to entreat you to reallocate the funding they already receive towards more effective avenues. Body cams & tasers have not proven to prevent these issues, and I frankly don't trust any police department with their footage. I strongly urge, actually demand, that no more money is added to their budget. MOVE THEIR MONEY AROUND.
6/16/2020 10:40	Cammy Stukel	Hi, My name is Cameron Stukel and I am a resident of District 1 in Salt Lake City. I do not bell've that increasing the police budget will improve the police department. These funds must be distributed where they are really needed, back into the community. I demand that there be no spending on body cameras, tasers, police car technology, and no de-escalation training.there'should be no new police hires for the next year. Overall, there'should be a \$30 millions budget cut redirecting to community building services outside of the police department. Cammy Stukel
6/16/2020 10:41	Anna Nielson	To the Honorable Amy Fowler My name is Anna Nielson. I am a licensed massage therapist and registered voter living in the seventh district of Salt Lake City. I am deeply concerned about the police brutality occurring in our country, but more directly in our city. I am aware that the institution of a police department began as a ?slave patrol?, designed to enforce enslavement of black Americans to their owners. It is clear when viewing the abuse and murders of people of color by police officers, that we haven?t come as far as we had thought since the days of the slave patrol. I am aware that the current police systems in place, directly funnel the prison industrial complex. Major companies profiting off of privatized prison systems often fund our own government. This can only be identified as modern day slavery. This is a larger issue that I will be addressing at a later time, but is beneficial to understand so as to have the information as to why the current issue of police brutality is that much more important to dissuade. I have attached a well formed document that includes research and statistics explaining how the proposed requests create an institution designed for growth and development as opposed to oppression. (Campaign Zero) Thank you for your time and efforts in creating a safer and more supportive environment for all members of our community.

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6/16/2020 10:42	Melissa Jensen	<p>Good Evening Council Member Wharton, I largely admire the work that the City as a whole does. I appreciate the civil service and understand this year has no shortage of challenges. However, I am writing to request that more action is taken to restrict the coming police budget. I was beyond disappointed to hear Chief Brown reject the idea that the SLC police does not have a problem with implicit bias. The admission that all structures of power possess this bias is the minimum that should be acknowledged. Of course, that alone does not warrant a budget cut. As I read the through the cuts via Deseret news I have a problem with a few key pieces.</p> <p>1. At a minimum there'should be a decrease in overall funding. A flat budget through a hiring freeze is impossible to oversee and does not get at the root issues. 2. Additional moneys for body cameras and other necessary transparency tools should come from internal cuts as found by the police department. 3. The idea of a one time tax levy seems extreme and is not proportional to those who use police services. Namely all those who commute to the city. 4. Adding monies for de-escalation seems to skirt around issues of racism and bias. 5. Lastly, I think an overall cut (held in a separate account) is necessary and should be allocated to services of mental health and domestic violence. I appreciate the efforts to increase transparency and hold money aside... however 5% seems like the bare minimum. I offer these not as the end all or the only ways. In fact, I have no doubt that the challenges of this budget run deep and beyond my view. However, what I know for sure is that implicit bias does exist, and large budgetary changes can force conversations that will otherwise belabored indefinitely. I think it's fair to say legislative intents are plenty and without teeth. I hope more can be done. Melissa Jensen Sent from my iPhone</p>
6/16/2020 10:43	Anonymous Constituent	<p>Congess woman AOC and other cities have found creative ways to redistribute funds to better categorize what people with what training respond to 911 calls. I think we should do the same. Please defund police and increase funding in programs that support alternative methods. You don't even have to rel'vent the wheel, just read up on what AOC said and what other communities are doing.</p>

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6/16/2020 11:52	Nicole Schaefer	Salt Lake City Council, Now is the time to take action in light of national and local events. Instead of increasing the police budget, take the opportunity to begin defunding the SLCPD. Allocate more funds towards social and community services. Our children need better educations, our homeless deserve shelters that can adequately shelter all of them, not just a few, and our BIPOC communities deserve recognition and support. Please consider reducing the budget for SLCPD and putting those funds towards the community. After working in SLC as an EMT for several years, I can say from experience our homeless population need much more help than we are giving them and mental health goes hand in hand with that. Creating new shelters was a good step but overall, there are less beds now and the shelters are located far away from the services our homeless need to survive. I understand it's easier to point out problems than to fix them, but increasing the budget for these services is a good start. Our homeless are one of our most vulnerable. They don't need more police with new vehicles, they need shelters, job services, mental health services, detox, and more. Support these services by giving them the funding they deserve. Please consider reallocating funds to support our homeless population and our mental health services. Respectfully, Nicole Schaefer

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6/16/2020 10:54	Nancy Fahey	<p>Dear Council Member Fowler, As a person of faith, I bell've police violence and brutality against black men and women must end now, particularly in light of the tragic and senseless recent killing of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and so many others. Police violence and systemic racial injustice is tied to America?s original sin of racism and the abhorrent legacy of white supremacy. The time for boldreforms that ensure equal justice under the law extends to everyone is now. As your constituent and a person of faith, I am asking you to do away with policies that lead to the unequal treatment of and violence against black, Indigenous, and people of color and adoptreforms drawn from evidence-based recommendations in the Task Force on 21st Century Policing Report <https://cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/taskforce/taskforce_finalreport.pdf> , Campaign Zero <https://www.joincampaignzero.org/#vision> , and more. Specifically, we call on mayors, local officials, and local police precincts to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Ban chokeholds and neck restraints in all cases* Require officers to de-escalate situations when possible, eliminating or reducing the need to use force* Require officers to give a verbal warning before shooting* Require officers to exhaust all other alternatives, including non-force and less-lethal force options prior to resorting to deadly force* Ban shooting at moving vehicles* Require officers to intervene and stop the use of excessive force by other officers* Establish a use of force continuum that restricts the most severe types of force* Require officers to report each time they use force or threaten to use force against civilians. <p>Every city'should adopt these policies immediately. Furthermore, we call on you to begin the process now to reimagine public safety by rel'vesting city budgets in programs that expand and enhance restorative justice programs, provide alternatives to incarceration, demilitarize the police, provide crisis intervention and de-escalation training, increase community engagement, and expand holistic collaborative services. The time is now to finally fix this broken system, locally and nationally. Sincerely, Nancy Fahey</p>

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6/16/2020 10:46	Taylor Witcher	As a SLC resident, I would like to see the SLCPD demilitarized, and that funding instead directed toward community building programs in Black and POC neighborhoods. Community gardens, youth programs, tutors-- U of U students going to high schools with low test scores, summer camps, field trips in schools, art and music classes in schools. Community events that are sponsored by local restaurants and vendors bringing the community together. Health clinics. Addiction care centers. No more money needs to be put into the SLCPD. Put the money into communities where people live. If people are supported properly, the police will not have to get involved.
6/16/2020 10:50	Anonymous Constituent	Over the last few days there have been many calls and requests for the police department budget to be cut. we respectfully request that you as the council of Salt Lake City consider those of us that do not support this change, we have no desire to live in a lawless society. We agree that there are changes that can be made but cutting the budget is not one of them. Those calling for cuts have said that this is just the beginning. If budget cuts are made now, where does it end? When does it stop. We support our police officers abd Do Not Agree with any budget cut proposals.
6/16/2020 11:08	belle october	I live in SLC. I've taken the time to email each of the city council people asking you to defund the police. The police have proven themselves to be a small military ready and willing to murder our local citizens in cold blood. Defund the police, and dissolve that money back into our schools and community. Defund the police to make way for a happier and healthier SLC, where our BIPOC residents don't have to live in fear of being murdered for the color of their skin. Defund the police. Defund the police.

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6/16/2020 10:55	Jean Gardner	<p>Dear SLC Council Member Chris Wharton, I am writing to ask you to seriously reflect and reconsider the proposed 2020-21 Salt Lake City general fund budget increase of 1.3 million earmarked for the police department. I am a White woman in my 60?s and have been an educator of children for over 40 years. My ex-husband and I moved to Salt Lake City in 1993. During most of this time we both resided in the Avenues neighborhood. My ex-husband is Black. He is also a professor, a local spiritual leader, and a retired small-business owner. Unfortunately, when police officers see my husband, they do not see a man who is a professional educator and spiritual leader. Instead, they only see a ?Black man?. They see a Black man who ?fits the description? of any possible crime. They see: A Black man driving a nice (stolen?) car?and so he is pulled over under false pretenses. A Black man jogging (running from a break-in?) in a predominantly White neighborhood?and so he is questioned as to why he is exercising in his own neighborhood. A Black man shopping (robbing?) a convenience store?and so the officer in the store puts his hand on his gun to indicate he is watching him closely. In fact, my ex-husband goes out of his way to introduce himself to people in the neighborhood, to police officers he encounters, to store and restaurant owners?just so he can feel a small sense of safety living within his own community. His many encounters of racial profiling by the police is not a rarity for Black people living in Salt Lake City?it is the norm. You and I, as White people of this community, can go about our daily lives with little concern about the police. This is not the daily reality of BIPOC living in SLC?including my bi-racial daughter. If you or I get pulled over by the police, our biggest fear is getting a ticket. We do not fear being frisked, searched, man-handled, handcuffed, arrested, or ending up dead. Racial profiling and pre-assumptions lead to police using tactics of in-your-face intimidation, aggressive escalation, and deadly force as the first (rather than the last) course of action. We often see or hear about the Blue Code of Silence, so that even *continued 1/2*</p>

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	Jean Gardner	<p>* Continued 2/2*good? cops are expected to protect their fellow officers. The truth of excessive or inappropriate use of force is then hidden from the public and accountability is null and void. But police are here to serve and protect the people?all the people?not just to serve and protect their own self-interest. Policereforms have already been tried. De-escalation training and police cams are not making a positive change (as evidenced by the countless available videos coming from bystanders as well as the police?s own video cameras.) The U.S. policing system utilized in most cities is deeply flawed. One only needs to listen to the multitude of voices?to hear the stories, to see the videos, to feel the trauma. We need to totally rethink what equitable and humane public safety and social justice systems look like?systems that utilize practices of supportive services over practices of predominate force. In 2013 the city of Camden, New Jersey dared to disband their old police department and recreate a new one based on positive community engagement. City Council members from Minneapolis, Dallas, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and New Your City have recently made verbal commitments to follow suit. In this moment, as City Council members, you have the unique opportunity to begin putting such a vision into action here in Salt Lake City. The Salt Lake City Police Department is projected to receive 83 million dollars annually?one- fourth of the city's general fund expenditures. Do not add to this budget! At the very least, cut much of this funding and reallocate it to supportive community services. At the very best, be visionaries?dismantle and thoroughly transform the current police department. Future generations will thank you for your integrity and for your boldness of action. I thank you for taking the time to read this, Jean LaSarre Gardner</p>

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6/16/2020 10:47	Pim Singhatiraj	<p>I am a resident of Sandy. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Pim Singhatiraj</p>

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6/16/2020 10:47	Alex Walker	<p>I am a resident of District 5. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. I am not interested in funding more positions through SLCPD - victim advocates should be in a different department, away from police oversight and negative influence. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. The current proposals do not go far enough and your increase in money is a band-aid on a gaping wound. For example, funding body cameras when they don't work [1] is just throwing money away. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. In fact, crime is down versus the 5 year average according to the city's own data. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. With crime down, why has use of force increased? We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although the City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.</p>

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6/16/2020 10:54	Kelly Asao	<p>Dear council members, I urge you to defund the SLC police or abolish the police and rebuild. The police budget is far higher than almost all other departments (\$82 million last year). You could take half of that money and rebuild trust with the community that pays those taxes. Reallocate those funds to the Community and Neighborhoods (only \$25 million of last year's budget!). Imagine what that money could do to help strengthen our communities and PREVENT crime, homelessness, substance abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, dropping out of education. Instead of policing and punishing after the fact, we could prevent those issues in the first place. It is the basis of every healthcare and mental healthcare model. Prevention saves money, time, and other resources. We should employ an evidence-based, healthcare approach to our communities. Because people are suffering and because they are people under your care. We are not criminals or animals or thugs. We need you to do better. Please invest in our communities and defund the inefficient and overworked police force that you cannot easily hold accountable due to the powerful police lobbies. Please stand with your citizens at this crucial moment in history. We, the people under your care and at the mercy of the police, beg you. Cheers, Kelly</p>
6/16/2020 10:48	Jessica Rollins	<p>Salt Lake City Council, Money should be transferred from the police department and put into our education and social services sector. I just read House Speaker Brad Wilson, R-Kaysville say "Just as Utah families have tightened their belts in recent weeks, so must we as a state." (Salt Lake Tribune, 6/2/2020) referring to how he intends to push for budget cuts to our much needed education and social services. We already spend less than any other state on our children's education. Which is cringeworthy and embarrassing to say the least. If we need to cut finances anywhere, it should be the Salt Lake City Police Department. Education and social services get at the root of problems before crime may occur. It would lessen the police's work if more money was funneled into these services. I support the recent cut and diversion of 1.7 million and of the "zero-based budget", but it isn't enough. At least \$30,000,000 needs to be redirected now from the Police Department and be used for Utah's real priorities: mental healthcare, opioid rehabilitation, housing the homeless, K-12 education, and social services. Paying and training people to take on these jobs that are needed is just as important. If you won't financially support those who want to help make Utah great, then how do we expect them to continue at their jobs? Thank you for your time, Jessica R. Rollins</p>

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6/16/2020 10:48	Perry Palmer	<p>Hello Ms. Fowler, Susan Neese is my sister, this is her message: My name is Susan Neese. ?You are about to die, my friend? are the last words my son, Chad Breinholt, heard before being shot and killed by West Valley City UT Officer Tyler Longman on August 23, 2019. During the intake processing at City Hall, while handcuffed from behind his back Chad was shot in the head seconds after police officer, Tyler Longman, exclaimed ?You are about to die, my friend? and pulled the trigger at point blank range. This Tyler Longman has also been involved in two prior killings of suspects before his encounter with Chad. All of the bodycam footage was released and shows how this tragic situation unfolded. Chad died almost 10 months ago and the SLC District Attorney has still not released the results of the l'vestigation. Tyler Longman is still being paid as an officer. Please do not forget my son. Please help me find justice for Chad. I am including the link to a Chicago interview I did telling the story of Chad?s horrific death. I would like to share his story. Chad did not need to die. Chad?s life mattered. https://chicago.cbslocal.com/2019/10/11/mother-of-man-killed-in-utah-police-custody-chad-would-not-have-hurt-anybody/</p> <p><https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fchicago.cbslocal.com%2F2019%2F10%2F11%2Fmother-of-man-killed-in-utah-police-custody-chad-would-not-have-hurt-anybody%2F&data=02%7C01%7Cfalkma%40churchofjesuschrist.org%7C4606e7cea08d4ac2a14508d80cc78abb%7C61e6eeb35fd74aaaae3c61e8deb09b79%7C0%7C0%7C637273398461400541&sdata=4tr1VnVCali52mgmu5HYBWIErzMZ8ac8OCTTbLSjw4M%3D&reserved=0> Thank you for listening. Sincerely, Susan Neese</p>
6/16/2020 10:48	Jody Labounty	<p>I am writing this email as one of many concerned citizens of Salt Lake City. I am in complete opposition and disbelief that the thought of defunding or cutting police budgets is even a consideration. The police department of one of the only things in this world that give our community peace these days. I have many friends and neighbors that serve in different capacities of the police department. I have called upon them multiple times for help and they have never let us down, always willing to serve no matter the day or night or circumstance. I've received nothing but positive and helping interactions with SLCPD regardless of the reason. We need more support and funding for backing our BLUE!! Regards- Jody LaBounty Get Outlook for iOS</p> <p><https://aka.ms/o0ukef></p>

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6/16/2020 10:49	Nicole Cannon	<p>Dear Council Member Mani, As a person of faith, I bell've police violence and brutality against black men and women must end now, particularly in light of the tragic and senseless recent killing of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and so many others. Police violence and systemic racial injustice is tied to America?s original sin of racism and the abhorrent legacy of white supremacy. The time for boldreforms that ensure equal justice under the law extends to everyone is now. As your constituent and a person of faith, I am asking you to do away with policies that lead to the unequal treatment of and violence against black, Indigenous, and people of color and adoptreforms drawn from evidence-based recommendations in the Task Force on 21st Century Policing Report <https://cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/taskforce/taskforce_finalreport.pdf> , Campaign Zero <https://www.joincampaignzero.org/#vision> , and more. Specifically, we call on mayors, local officials, and local police precincts to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Ban chokeholds and neck restraints in all cases* Require officers to de-escalate situations when possible, eliminating or reducing the need to use force* Require officers to give a verbal warning before shooting* Require officers to exhaust all other alternatives, including non-force and less-lethal force options prior to resorting to deadly force* Ban shooting at moving vehicles* Require officers to intervene and stop the use of excessive force by other officers* Establish a use of force continuum that restricts the most severe types of force* Require officers to report each time they use force or threaten to use force against civilians. <p>Every city'should adopt these policies immediately. Furthermore, we call on you to begin the process now to reimagine public safety by rel'vesting city budgets in programs that expand and enhance restorative justice programs, provide alternatives to incarceration, demilitarize the police, provide crisis intervention and de-escalation training, increase community engagement, and expand holistic collaborative services. The time is now to finally fix this broken system, locally and nationally. Sincerely, Nicole Cannon 5220 S Holladay Blvd Holladay, UT 841177127 cannon.nicole@gmail.com</p>

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6/16/2020 10:49	Pamela Silberman	Hello Councilwoman Valdemoros, I am writing to express my disappointment with the budget proposal for the SLCPD that the SLC Council put forward as a result of last week's meeting. Policereforms that focus on training and new rules do not address the root cause of the racism that is deeply ingrained in the system. De-escalation training and implicit bias training do not create a new model of public safety, but rather try to soften the current model. What we need is a redistribution of money away from the police force and I'vestment in community resources, including health care, education, youth development and workforce development. We need to put in place majorreforms that will demilitarize the police and abolish the current system that perpetuates racism. The proposed budget does none of these. Thank you, Pamela Silberman
6/16/2020 10:50	Wade Clapier	Dear City Council Members and staff, In recent weeks we have seen widespread popular support for removing monuments to white supremacy from the streets of our cities. Although to my knowledge we do not have any monuments to colonial or Confederate leaders, we do have imagery that is fundamentally white supremacist in the form of the "Indian head" icon which is stamped on many of the street lights in our most prominent and highly-trafficked public spaces in the downtown core. If there is no plan currently in place to do so, I request that the Council consider making a commitment to the identification of all public monuments with racist imagery so that funding can be allocated toward its removal in the near future. I bell've this is a very simple and direct way the city government can communicate support for our local indigenous people by making our public spaces safer and more inclusive for all. Thank you for your consideration, Wade Clapier

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6/16/2020 10:51	Patrick Mac	Dear Council, I feel disappointment and dread about the budget you plan to pass tomorrow. Failing to insist on even a small decrease of the SLCPD budget, as a sign of good faith that you can help protect citizens from them, will cause immense stress and distrust at a time when stressors are already so numerous, and trust is at best highly strained. don't do this to us. don't send fresh confirmation that we cannot work through the local government to craft the more just and equitable society that we envision. don't demonstrate that when you assure us we "are being heard" it is to placate us and free yourselves from the annoyance of citizens attempting political engagement. don't tell us that you can't help prevent our neighbors from ending up in jails and graves. Erin Mendenhall and Mike Brown already made a criminal out of me and arrested me two weeks ago for standing on a street corner in spite of the less-lethal weapons pointed at me. I assure you, the experience did nothing to improve my confidence that the city government or police prioritize my safety and well-being. I was merely learning a lesson about them, as a 36-year-old white dude with a PhD, that many of my brown neighbors here on the West Side learn before they even start school, only their lessons are taught with fully-lethal weapons. don't teach another generation this way. Let's start learning new lessons. -Patrick Mac -- Patrick Mac, PhD
6/16/2020 10:58	Brianna Dechet	and I am a Salt Lake City resident. I am emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because our city, our state, and our country need radical change. it's time to replace the inherently biased and dysfunctional police system with community-led public safety. I hope instead you I'vest \$30 million in mental health facilities, education, and housing for the homeless. Because that is what will reduce crime.

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6/16/2020 10:54	Joshua Craner	<p>Dear Chair Johnston, As a person of faith, I bell've police violence and brutality against black men and women must end now, particularly in light of the tragic and senseless recent killing of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and so many others. Police violence and systemic racial injustice is tied to America?s original sin of racism and the abhorrent legacy of white supremacy. The time for boldreforms that ensure equal justice under the law extends to everyone is now. As your constituent and a person of faith, I am asking you to do away with policies that lead to the unequal treatment of and violence against black, Indigenous, and people of color and adoptreforms drawn from evidence-based recommendations in the Task Force on 21st Century Policing Report <https://cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/taskforce/taskforce_finalreport.pdf> , Campaign Zero <https://www.joincampaignzero.org/#vision> , and more. Specifically, we call on mayors, local officials, and local police precincts to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Ban chokeholds and neck restraints in all cases* Require officers to de-escalate situations when possible, eliminating or reducing the need to use force* Require officers to give a verbal warning before shooting* Require officers to exhaust all other alternatives, including non-force and less-lethal force options prior to resorting to deadly force* Ban shooting at moving vehicles* Require officers to intervene and stop the use of excessive force by other officers* Establish a use of force continuum that restricts the most severe types of force* Require officers to report each time they use force or threaten to use force against civilians. <p>Every city'should adopt these policies immediately. Furthermore, we call on you to begin the process now to reimagine public safety by rel'vesting city budgets in programs that expand and enhance restorative justice programs, provide alternatives to incarceration, demilitarize the police, provide crisis intervention and de-escalation training, increase community engagement, and expand holistic collaborative services. The time is now to finally fix this broken system, locally and nationally. Sincerely,</p> <p>Joshua Craner</p>

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6/16/2020 10:52	Julia Huddleston	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City and I am writing again to hold my elected officials accountable and to demand that Salt Lake City defunds the police. It is a real slap in the face to the countless numbers of residents who have voiced their outrage at our overly violent and way over-funded police force, only to have the city council vote to increase the budget for the police force. You must listen to your constituents on this vital issue. Reduce the budget of the police by \$30M, and redirect those funds to community resources that actually benefit the residents that you serve. In particular, I would love to see more resources for people experiencing homelessness, youth organizations, libraries, and the arts. While this may seem counterintuitive, I strongly oppose de-escalation training. The police force in the United States (including our city) is broken beyondreform. Re-training overly violent police officers does nothing to improve the safety of our residents. Vote with courage to l'vest in our community. Make Salt Lake safe, defund the police. Thank you, Juli Huddleston 84103
6/16/2020 11:04	Bryson Thomas	I do not support defunding the SLPD in any way. I work with SLPD Officers everyday as they provide security for my store. I have not had a single poor interaction. What I do see is good people wanting to help others. What I am also seeing is the community supports these Officers. Multiple times per day I see people approach the Officers and tell them they are sorry they are going through this and that they appreciate their service. A couple of days ago, an elderly gentleman approached the Officer on duty and asked if he had a wife. The Officer said yes and the man asked if he could buy her flowers. I am seeing acts like this nonstop. The council needs to move very carefully on this issue. Defunding is not the answer.

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6/16/2020 10:53	Andrew Westenskow	<p>I am a resident of Draper. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.</p>

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6/16/2020 10:54	Paul Schmidt	<p>If you and your colleagues have any doubts about the efficacy of dismantling or defunding our PD, look at Camden, New Jersey. Once considered one of the most dangerous cities in the country, their crime rate has dropped 42% since they dismantled and rebuilt their public safety system seven years ago. In firing and rehiring their police, they dropped their costs from \$182,168 to \$99,605 per officer. They also busted up the union that led to lack of accountability between officers. it's these unions and their cultures of sweeping misconduct under the rug that have a huge role in allowing heinous police behavior to continue. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Please follow in the footsteps of Camden and Minneapolis in dismantling the department, or at least follow the LA and San Francisco models of defunding. It will be better for the greater whole. Thank you for your time, Paul Schmidt</p>

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6/16/2020 10:55	Nora Price	<p>City Council Members, Here are some specific community programs and general areas that I would like to see more I'vestment in here in Salt Lake City: The INN Between, FREE and accessible UTA public transit, non-police social workers, mental health and crisis intervention professionals, resources for the unsheltered, LGBTQIA homeless youth advocacy and resources, drug abuse intervention and treatment, YouthCity, and Sorenson Multi-Cultural Center. A specific city department I do not want to see more I'vestment in is the Salt Lake City Police Department. I again urge you to reconsider the proposed \$2.8 million budget increase for the SLCPD in the 2020-2021 Recommended Budget with the allocations made, departmental or non-, for body cameras and tasers, camera updates to police vehicles, enhanced de-escalation training, and new hire victim advocates. These additions don't address the racist culture and institutional structure of the SLCPD. This structure I'vestigates and 'disciplines' itself through Internal Affairs, without empowered and effective civilian review or oversight, and perpetuates the excessive use of force and lack of accountability with internal policy that substantiates any claim of an perceived threat by an officer as credible. The repeal of H.B. 415, which prohibits a municipality from establishing a board or committee with certain powers over a police chief, will be instrumental in establishing a Civilian Police Accountability Board. When you turn to legislative policy-making and the necessary policy-unmaking, that will be an integral step; now, during budget negotiations, do not I'vest in ineffective nominalreforms. Please defund the SLCPD. Please take radical action under conditions that demand radical action. Incrementalreformist approaches are not what your citizens are calling for; and are also not what the most credible, informed, experienced anti-racist community organizers and civil and human rights leaders and thinkers of today (and well before) are calling for. Yours, Nora Price</p>
6/16/2020 11:08	Michael Llewellyn	<p>I would like to add my voice to those that support the police department, and also to remind the city councile that these so-called 'peaceful protesters' DO NOT speak for the majority of the citizens of the of State of Utah, The majority of the people of Utah have been taught and bell've the we are all equal, children of God, and we should love our neighbor, regardless of race. we have also been taught to respect authority, and support local police. Please do not defund or take away much need funds the police need to help our community. thank you.</p>

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6/16/2020 10:55	Anonymous Constituent	Dear City Council, I am writing to express my disgust with the police budget increasing instead of decreasing like the community have asked. I'm not sure what you think you're going to solve by increasing the budget and giving these murderers more money to play around with, but it's atrocious. Our community needs more education, more health care support, more mental health care support. This is disapointing and disrespectful to the people you are "representing." Have a heart and put your money where your mouth is, if you really care.
6/16/2020 10:56	Anonymous Constituent	We'd like to see the Police budget more akin to the Fire Department budget. They are civil servants that need training, gear, transportation and the like. If they can make it work with half the Police budget, then the Police can make it work with the cuts. Central Patrol is in charge of homeless, crisis intervention, and social work!? These should be in a separate departments, with their own substantial budgets, run by trained professionals. Do the Police even WANT to deal with those issues? Did you even ask? That isn't what cops sign up to do. No one joins the Police Academy with homelessness, emotional/drug crises, or social work in mind. Why are they doing it? This is THE PROBLEM. This is what the protestors are calling for! Reallocate the Police's budget! 10 million more to homeless resources, 20 million to trained crisis intervention specialists to deal with drug addicts and non-violent domestic disputes, 20 million to social workers and social programs designed to keep kids safe and on a good path. These things will make our community safer, not more Police.

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6/16/2020 10:56	Nancy Kearl	Dear Ms. Valdemoros, First, please excuse me if I addressed you improperly. As a resident of district 4, I want you as our council representative to know that residents in our area will be at a greater risk than they are now if our police department is further marginalized. Nightly I witness the ongoing display of disregard and disrespect for the law and the people who live where these demonstrations take place. The police department cannot give me information about scheduled protests because protest groups are no longer required to get permits. I inquired of the police regarding these events so that I could protect myself. I live a half block from the city/county building. It is not safe to go out at night and last night I couldn?t even cross my street because of the crowd blocking the streets and disobeying traffic laws. They wouldn't stop at a red light for pedestrians. My chances were not good. I would like to have my children and grandchildren visit me. How can I allow them to come downtown to where I live without the threat of attack? Please vote to sustain law and order. Please consider the residents who nightly deal with the threat of terror. We who live here witnessed first hand the terror on the day and night of the first protests. Unless the police, lawmakers and others support laws to protect citizens, we will become a lawless society. Thank you for reading this email and considering my requests. Nancy Kearl Sent from my iPhone

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6/16/2020 10:58	Nancy Kearl	<p>Dear Mayor and council members, It is my understanding that there had been proposed a \$84 million budget for the police department for next year and now some people in our city desire to have that money allocated away from the police department to other projects. I object to having money diverted from the police to these proposed other projects. My reasons and experiences as a Salt Lake City resident are as described below. Seemingly because of the death of a black man during an arrest by police in Minneapolis, people gathered together in our city to riot as a way to demonstrate their stand against police violence. While all of us could watch the events of that day on television, I am coming to the conclusion that the mayor and members of the city council did not witness these events in person and probably live safely away from the locations where they took place. Possibly even the people who want money diverted from the police actually live away from the scenes of violence and destruction. I do not. I live on 200 East between 500 South and 600 South. I could see from my residence, fire, smoke, the breakdown of public transportation, vandalism, out-of-control mobs, attacks on the police, destruction, and an attempt to break down society. In addition, I had to watch as the police drove the mob south on 200 East in an effort to remove them from the city. I say I had to watch because this was taking place directly in front of my residence. If any of those rioters decided to break into my home or burn it down, I would have to be ready to protect myself. I don't own a car because the public transportation system in Salt Lake is excellent, so I could not escape the threat to my residence and myself that day. I was constrained by these circumstances to stay in my home all day and into the night. There was no escape from the violence and threat of violence. I would suggest that the mayor and members of the city council take a moment to contemplate themselves and their families being in the situation I was put in that day and throughout that night. Maybe then none of them would be considering for one moment the idea of marginalizing the police department. In fact, this experience should be raising the awareness of all city residents to the growing need for police protection. The obvious threat of continued lawlessness is growing in our city, not being addressed or even recognized. In fact, it is being fostered by the allowance of continual protests in the form of loud and undisciplined groups who apparently don't have to . *Continued 1/3*</p>

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	Nancy Kearl	<p>*Continued 2/3 * obey the same laws in place for all city residents. They are now not even held accountable for breaking curfews, disrupting traffic, blocking the streets for pedestrians and drivers, disorderly conduct, and disturbing the peace. I would really appreciate someone explaining to me why that is. If I were to go through the streets at night yelling and blaring a bullhorn, I think I would be held accountable for that. If I were to march down the middle of the street and then lie down in the middle of an intersection, I bell've that would be considered to be breaking the lawBut unfortunately, some people can get away with that behavior, and even more unfortunately, it's happening in our own city. And it's happening wherever and whenever these groups wish to disrupt and control the area. The mayor issued a statement that said the curfew put in place to protect law and order was prematurely ended because the crowds were ?largely respectful?. it's not respectful to taunt and defy police directions to disband because the curfew had passed. it's not respectful to take over public streets disobeying all traffic laws and disregarding public safety. it's not respectful to go throughout neighborhoods well past dark loudly chanting.So since no respect was shown on the Monday night following the day of rioting, why are these groups still allowed to terrorize our city'streets and residents? I am trying to do my best to stay safe and so I phoned the police department to ask when protests were to be scheduled or expected. I wanted to be sure I was off the street in time for any problems to take place. I was told that since the day of the riots in Salt Lake, no one is required anymore to get a permit for protests. So it's looking to me like people who don't want to obey the law, are disrespectful to other residents, making city'streets dangerous for use, and generally are a public nuisance, are given a free pass. Just when did the laws change?</p>

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		<p>*Continued 3/3* Why isn't everyone expected to be law bidding citizens? Now I have to ready myself to expect out-of-control lawlessness as a way of life. I know now that I can?t rely on being able to even cross the street because there is likely to be a mob blocking all access. This happens often and as recently as last night. If I, and others, now have to live in a city where the laws are not enforced thereby making it dangerous, what does the city expect it to be like with less police presence? I wonder if the mayor and members of the city council and their own family members can anymore count on crossing their own street. I am thinking that they take for granted that they can. And that?s why they are willing to entertain limiting police protection for other city residents. That?s shameful and certainly doesn?t show concern for the residents of Salt Lake. One idea I heard about for use of the proposed police budget is to spend money on making sure that low-income people have access to public transportation. Please let?s be reasonable. Everyone has access to public transportation. If I am expected to walk to a bus stop or Trax station, then why can?t a person who is determined to be low-income capable of doing so? I myself live on a low income and never thought to engage some person with an agenda to get me a free ride to a bus stop. You folks who work in the city/county building and then leave at the end of your work day, need to stay there for a few hours or even overnight. You probably would benefit from seeing what life downtown is like. Sent from my iPhone</p>

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6/16/2020 10:59	Greta Geary	<p>Dear Council Member Ana Valdemoros, I am writing to you today to ask you to seriously reconsider the city's proposed 2020-21 budget increase of 1.3 million dollars towards the Salt Lake Police Department. I bell've it is crucial for the physical and emotional wellbeing of all Salt Lake City residents that the Council adopts a 'People's Budget' that prioritizes supportive community services and redirects tax dollars away from the police-force. I am a twenty-three year old graduate from the University of Utah. As a life-long SLC inhabitant I am sorry to say this was my first time reading the city budget proposal- realizing this is just one of the many wake up calls and holes in my knowledge I've recognized so far this year. I took the time to examine the proposal closely, taking notes, and comparing figures. I feel ashamed for not activating my mind and voice in local politics more in past years, but pledge to continue to do so in my years to come as a Salt Lake City resident. I used to think that policereform was vital only in other larger cities, but have since confronted this privileged view in light of tragic incidents such as the death of Bernardo Palacios and the despicable police conduct seen in the handling of Lauren McCluskey's case (and many more). I also was shocked to learn that black people in Utah are killed at a higher disproportion than any other state. As we've seen in Utah and across the US,reform tactics such as de-escalation training and use of body cams are not leading to positive change. The countless videos recorded by bystander witnesses as well as police body-cam footage reveal the inexcusable patterns of white supremacy deeply embedded into the American police-force. We need immediate and concrete change. We need to totally rethink what public safety and social justice systems look like? systems that utilize practices of social services, healthcare, community outreach, and empathy over practices of intimidation,*Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Greta Geary	<p>*Continued 2/2* surveillance, and brute force. This is not a far fetched idea! We can look to other nations and American communities as leading examples in successful alternatives to heavily armed, inadequately trained, dangerously reactive cops. At this very moment, I bell've you and your colleagues have the rare opportunity to totally reimagine new systems of public safety and criminal justice that work for everyone in Salt Lake City. In fact, we all have a unique opportunity during this tumultuous, revealing year to become visionaries working together to dismantle and thoroughly transform our current police department into a system that serves every race, ethnicity, income level, neighborhood, gender identity, sexual orientation, and age group.</p>
6/16/2020 11:01	Alaa AL-Barkawi	<p>I am a resident of West Valley. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.</p>

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6/16/2020 11:02	Anna Moore	I've been following the proposed police budget for the past few weeks, and I think the projected increase is outrageous. I do not want my tax dollars to go to a continually corrupt, self-protecting organization. Why not give more money to agencies who help prevent crime? Please consider reallocating police funds to after-school programs and youth counselors, teachers, homeless shelters, addiction counseling, community centers, and literally ANY other city run program that doesn't have a habit of gunning down citizens.
6/16/2020 11:01	Anna Coltrin	I am a resident of district 2. I am emailing about some potential amendments to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I wanted to express my anger and frustration with the proposed addition to funds given to the SLCPD'so that they can receive more body cams, tasers, and ?tech? for their squad cars. These are proven to not be effective in stopping police brutality, like we have seen with murder of Bernardo Palacios Carbajal and many others. I demand that this money not be added to the already egregious \$84 million SLCPD budget. This council has completely ignored the request of its constituents. This money would be much better spent on education and services that actually enhance our community rather than on the SLCPD which we have already seen will only make our community more dangerous. Listen to your constituents.
6/16/2020 11:03	Ryan Williams	I appreciate councilmembers and Chief Brown addressing the police budget in public forums like RadioWest, but we also want to see action. Adding money to the police budget is wrong, especially right now. I advocated for cutting the SLCPD budget by \$30M -- I'm glad that number was pushed as a means to get the council's attention. SLC residents are serious about change and progress. Are you? We have an opportunity to divert city resources away from policing to build community programs that make our city'safer, healthier, and more sustainable. Let's take guns off the streets of SLC and let's start with our SLCPD. Let's get creative in how we respond to 9-1-1 calls. Let's reduce the number of cops we employ, and increase the number of social workers, drug treatment workers, and homeless advocates. it's astounding how much time the SLCPD'spends arresting people for marijuana possession. it's embarrassing, really. We are a rare city, in that we have a chance to experiment with how we police, without worrying that crime will run rampant -- or any moreso than it already does (how many petty thefts and murders did SLCPD actually clear this year?). Let's be bold in this moment.

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6/16/2020 11:02	Cassady Croft	My name is Cassady, and I'm a resident of district 4. I'm writing about some potential amendments to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I wanted to express my anger and disappointment with the proposed addition of funds given to the SLCPD'so that they can receive more body cams, tasers, and "tech". These are proven to not be effective in stopping police brutality, like we have seen with the murder of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal. I demand that this money not be added to the already egregious \$84 million SLCPD budget, and instead allocated to something more constructive to our community, such as public schools. Thank you for your time, Cassady Croft
6/16/2020 11:13	Annette W	What I have difficulty believing is that as a city council, representing many people of all ages and races, that you, as a council, choose to listen to and cater to those young people who have been rioting and destroying the city which you represent. THEY are the ones calling for refunding the police force, THEY are the ones calling for reducing funds for the police. THEY are the ones who are showing disrespect for the police and also personal property of others. Yet you, as a council, choose to listen to and cater to them and their demands. You're actually considering giving them what they want!!!! Unbelievable!! Give the whiny children what they want so they will go away and stop their awful behavior. Unbelievable!!! What happened to showing respect, what happened to being held responsible for your actions? If you want to make better students, you don't fire their teachers. You I'vest more in making better teachers. If you want to have better policeman you don't fire or abolish the police force - you I'vest in making better policemen and women. Have any of you ever ridden with a member of the police? Have any of you every really seen what they deal with each time they put on that uniform? Maybe spend some time with them and see them in action before you pass judgement instead of just taking the word of these rioting "kids" and giving in to their demands just so they'll stop misbehaving. Let's make this city, state and country better, a better place to live, not a worse place to live. I can only imagine that having no police, or less police presence, in downtown salt lake city will really make tourists want to come visit. I'm sure they'll feel completely safe while visiting. I recommend putting a little more thought into your decisions considering the police before jumping into the fire with all those other considering refunding the police forces across the nation. Stand up!! Be smart!! Be a leader, not a follower!!

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6/16/2020 11:02	Yvette Melby Garcia	Good morning, I submitted an email a couple of weeks ago, but would like to add some additional thoughts. For some context, I am a clinical social worker and my husband is an essential worker at the U. We support policereform including the following items: 1) Create an independent board - outside of the police department, possibly from out of State to investigate police misconduct and all deaths at the hands of police. 2) Redirect policing funds to unarmed, nonviolent public safety personnel. I worked on MCOT (mobile crisis outreach team) and a larger version of this team could be created to respond to mental health crises and non-criminal and non-violent calls such as homelessness. 3) Direct policing and other tax payer funds to our lowest income communities; fund schools, after school programs, education and job opportunities for adults as well as to affordable housing. Thank you for your attention to this matter and your careful consideration of the new budget. Yvette, Christian and Gabriela Garcia
6/16/2020 11:09	Erin Williams	I am a resident of council district 4. I am extremely disappointed in the Salt Lake City Council's revised budget plan. Despite constituents demanding that the police budget be reduced, it has been raised. More training and technology will not change our broken, inherently flawed and racist system. The council should instead remove \$30 million in funding from the previously proposed SLCPD budget. These funds should instead be reallocated to fund homeless services, which are extremely underfunded in the 2021 proposed budget, or a number of other community building programs such as education and healthcare. It's plain to see that heightened police funding and presence in communities only makes for more lives lost, and wasted funds. Do not allow our communities in Salt Lake City to be terrorized by an overfunded police department, reduce funding, and do not stand by as people are murdered at the hands of police forces. Do not remain complacent in a system that is built on injustices towards Black and Indigenous People of Color.

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6/16/2020 11:05	Melodie Anderson	I am offering my opinion about all of this Police De funding. I think it is the craziest thing I have ever heard. WE NEED THE POLICE. They save lives, they help people, they work with people to make things better. Without them, IT WILL BE TOTAL HELL on the streets. If there is no law, no one will be safe. NO ONE. Who's going to stop all of the crime and violence and protect those that can't protect themselves? I do think that they could have more training in de-escalation a situation, that would always be good. More training about when deadly force should be used. Training in communication, how to talk to people to calm them down. I bell've that most police officers are great people, who want to serve their community and help them. There are some that are "bad apples", but few. Sadly, those few set the feelings of people for all of the good police. PLEASE DO NOT DE FUND THE POLICE FORCE, it would be the worse thing that could ever happen. Thank you for your time, Melodie Anderson
6/16/2020 11:11	Christopher Loera Pena	My name is Christopher Loera Pena and I am once again urging council members to do the right thing and del'vest the police department, and redirect those funds towards schools, hospitals, and communities of colors. Our police department has seen billions of dollars poured into them and yet incidents like George Floyd's death has shown that despite all their newest equipment, and "training" they continue to target people of color and behave in an irresponsible manner. The result of their massive funding has just been an increase in mass incarceration and flat out murder. Rel'vesting into schools and hospitals would uplift communities and do a better job of reducing crime rates than having police who are seen as a threat, and no longer as a guardian. It would also be much more efficient to save police presence for the most dire of situations and instead send trained professionals like therapists and rehabilitation experts to the majority of 911 calls as they are usually a Karen calling for the smallest inconvenience and a person with a gun is not what is needed, but someone trained to resolve these conflicts. I apolgoze for the lengthy message but I do bell've the council will do the right thing and finally give back to communities that have been tormented at the hands of police.
6/16/2020 11:12	Topher Rasmussen	Hello, I respectfully request that the SLCPD budget be reduced by at least 30 million dollars, as they have been allocated substantially higher amounts than community health organizations and initiatives. Thank you, Topher Rasmussen

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6/16/2020 11:53	Sandra Luo	<p>for exploiting the pains and emotions of my community of color for your own entertainment. I've sent emails over the past couple of weeks, as well as commented in a public hearing, and not once have I gotten a reply back - except one automated/copy + paste reply. I'm submitting this through the form online but will also be emailing this because none of you deserve to feel like you're doing something good for our community when you're ignoring what we've been saying. I will not provide any additional research or resources, as so many of us have been doing to no avail. Rather, I want you all to know how deeply disturbing the mayor's tweets are from the evening of June 15 - viewpoints I'm sure you all align yourselves with. How dare you use the deaths of our Black and Brown community members as an "opportunity" to learn, to discuss, and to engage. My BIPOC community has shared our experiences with you over the past two weeks and relived traumas so that you can feel good about "listening" to us, and then ignore everything we have to say, only to offer more conversation? Do you know how effed that is? Our pains, our traumas, and our deaths are not for some weekly book club gathering where you claim to read what's assigned and show up ready to prioritize your own emotions and your own agenda over those you claim to be a "voice" for. We can speak just for ourselves just fine, if you would take your knee off our throats. "Do more to make affordable housing, food, jobs accessible"? I'd like to know how and with what budget when the SLCPD is receiving nearly \$85 million. I'm sorry, are you planning on arresting and killing more of our community members so that there's less of a need for housing, food, and jobs? You want to make our SLCPD more diverse? So that the people who profile and terrorize our oppressed poor, queer, disabled communities, and communities of color look like us at least? You want to make use of deadly force illegal, oh, EXCEPT when an officer feels that the situation warrants chokeholds and tear gas? How are you seeing these things happen in NYC, in LA, in Chicago, in SF, in DC, and still not take note of its failures and shortcomings? NYC banned chokeholds in 1993. Eric Garner died in 2014 by being choked to death. NYC made it "double" illegal again this year. The police will exploit these loopholes and you think we're going to applaud your efforts for further perpetuating this violence? You all have blood on your hands. Day after day, you're not only allowing systemic violence to continue - through police brutality and lack of accessible community resources and programs - but enabling it by funding SLCPD more and more each year. I hope you all never know peace. You do not deserve to when my communities of color continue to live in fear and to be ignored and exploited by people like you who "care". Defund SLCPD! Disarm SLCPD! Demilitarize SLCPD!</p>

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6/16/2020 11:13	Alisha Hessing	We love this country, our freedoms and the protection that is provided to us. This is what makes America great and safe!! DO NOT DEFUND THE POLICE AT ALL!! GIVE. THEM A RAISE!!
6/16/2020 11:38	Lauren Morrill	Hello, My name is Lauren Morrill and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I will not stand to see the abuse of power in this nation any longer. We are a nation where justice and liberty for ALL is what we are built on and it is about god damn time we start seeing justice for all and liberty for all. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in our children?s education. And no more of this schools get funded from property tax bullshit. All schools must be funded equally. We are only as strong as our weakest member, we must strengthen them and support them. We as Utahns must set the standard for the nation on equality and acceptance. We demand a change and we demand it now. We are not by far the best country in the world but we have more than enough tools to become it. The pen will always be mightier than the sword and education will always get you further in life than a gun. We lead by knowledge and equality not by fear. Thank you, Lauren Morrill
6/16/2020 11:16	Erin Williams	I am a resident of council district 4. I am extremely disappointed in the Salt Lake City Council?s revises budget plan. Despite constituents demanding that the police budget be reduced, it has been raised. More training and technology will not change our broken, inherently flawed and racist system. The council should instead remove \$30 million in funding from the previously proposed SLCPD budget. These fund should instead be reallocated to fun homeless services, which are extremely underfunded in the 2021 proposed budget, or a number of other community building programs such as education and healthcare. it's plain to see that heightened police funding and presence in communities only makes for more lives lost, and wasted funds. Do not allow our communities in Salt Lake City be terrorized by an overfunded police department, reduce funding, and do not stand by as people are murdered at the hands of police forces. Do not remain complacent in a system that is built on injustices towards Black and Indigenous People of Color.

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6/16/2020 11:17	Grant Gittus	Please look at defunding the police and using the saved money to improve conditions in the city'so that we can stop relying on the police to solve all of our problems. If the only number can call is 911 when we have an issue, and then a cop shows up with a gun, what makes you think there won't be people being killed?
6/16/2020 11:38	Bonnie Cooper	and I live in the Rose Park neighborhood of Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it'sstarts with your vote.
6/16/2020 11:17	Craig Gelman	The city needs to make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to other community services. There are so many better things to do with that money such as pouring it into educational routes, After school programs for underprivileged youth, social work, etc etc. instead of spending money to STOP crime, why dont we spend this money to PREVENT crime. I hope you make a smart decision in realizing that defunding the slcpd isnt stripping them of everything, it's taking away the waisted unecessary respurces that the community needs 10x more. We do not need to hore more cops right now either! Its pretty clear we have enough and as a slc resident, I can see so many beneficial positive things to put this money towards.

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6/16/2020 11:18	Blake Newman	I have written you previously concerning the 2020-2021 budget, specifically on my concerns about the funding proposed for the SLCPD. I have also attended virtual city council meetings, echoing the concerns of many other citizens. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, the SLCPD have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we gri've collectively, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt to rehabilitate this deeply broken and deeply racist system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you vote NO to spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO to spending on de-escalation training. NO to any new police hires for the next year. Again, we demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. This could include greater access to public health services, housing opportunities, and free public transportation. A just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote. We look to you as our representatives to do the right thing this Tuesday.

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6/16/2020 11:18	Hillary-Anne Crosby	Regarding the FY 21 budget and in light of the state of policing both in Salt Lake City and across the nation, I want to urge the council to not only not increase the SLC PD budget to \$84+ million (according to the mayor's proposed budget), but to de-fund the department by (at least) \$40 million. I've called into council meetings and emailed my comments, and 99.9% of the time I've heard other callers demand defunding of the police. So you can imagine my surprise that there's now consideration for adding to the police budget. Chief Mike Brown and the Salt Lake City Police Department are of more harm to the communities of Salt Lake City than they are good. Video of SLC PD officers in taxpayer-funded riot gear pushing a senior citizen to the ground made its way onto our local screens and those around the country. I've passed armored trucks on the way to the grocery store. I've had to shout over the sound of helicopters in order to have productive, caring, respectful conversations with my neighbors. How is that serving our community? it's certainly not protecting us. The SLC PD seems to think it's at war with us, and offering \$84.4+ million for them to continue to assault us is a disgrace and deeply disrespectful to those community members that do live and serve here with honesty and integrity. I'm not an officer, but I'm a human who knows not to murder others. If an officer didn't know that before, why are they hired to be a cop? If they didn't know that as a cop, why are you offering them more money to learn it? What are you doing to bring justice to the families of those hurt and killed by SLC Police? *Continued 1/2*

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	Hillary-Anne Crosby	<p>*Continued 2/2* Fund our community ? our housing, transportation, and social services ? fund them to the tune of \$84.4 million ? and de-fund an unethical, ineffective, brutalizing police department. I don't know about y'all but a lot of us have had to re-evaluate and re-shape our budgets while we work to survive the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. We know how to budget. Surely someone at the Salt Lake City Police Department knows how to look at a \$50 million budget and decide how to serve our community without spending taxpayer dollars on violence, on riot gear, without tear gas, and without bullets that kill and circumvent the justice system so that cops can play the role of executioner rather than peace officer. As a general comment, I want to say how incredibly disappointing it is to hear and see city leaders applauding the police department for their quote-unquote restraint. I hope that no one ever has to applaud me for managing to do my job without maiming or killing anyone in the process. And i hope you'll do your jobs too in holding them accountable and in respecting the demands of the citizens who elected you to lead with integrity and not with pandering to a violent police organization. Sincerely, Hillary-Anne Crosby</p>
6/16/2020 11:20	Chioma Okoro	<p>With the decision of the council to stay away from the issue of police defunding on Tuesday's meeting is absurd. It is absurd that even with Utah's past, the City Council doesn't seem to care. Change needs to occur and for it to occur, more money needed to be spent on the community and less on law enforcement. The same law enforcement that has a budget of 90 million dollars is the same law enforcement that has taken many lives, especially minorities, harshly and purposely. Some who may say that Utah isn't "as bad" are in denial and that mindset certainly isn't bringing the issue of police brutality in the state anywhere near the surface. This state that we live is in peril. The Salt Lake City Police Department needs to have their budget lowered for things to become better. Public opinion is with me. Public interest with me. Change however, lies within your hands. I appreciate you for reading,</p>

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6/16/2020 11:20	Ban Naes	I am incredibly angry at the apparent lack of support and any of the city council members or leader LISTENING to any person in this city right now, especially after yesterday's meeting about the SLCPD budget, that was asked to be decreased and defunded and put into actual, helpful parts of the community such as Education and Healthcare (literally the two most important things that need money, especially since Utah is now a hotspot for COVID-19). Why the hell is the SLCPD budget INCREASING????? Do you all not know how to do your jobs? Why are you purposefully ignoring what we as the people are asking for and then increasing the budget on White Supremacy and Police Brutality. I don't know how many times it can be repeated, but the Police do not help anyone. They have murdered countless people, specifically Black folks and People of Color. I need someone with a single brain cell to be able to comprehend the wants and needs of the people. The people this is impacting, the people who have been murdered by Police. We don't want another 22 year old shot dead in the park. We want justice and it can start with defunding the Police and putting that money into Education and Healthcare. Please figure yourselves out, because right now you do not stand for the people.
6/16/2020 11:20	Abel Bromley	City council members, Officers with the SLCPD have been advised that there is talk within your ranks of cutting funding for the police department. I hope this is not true. it's seems to reflect the wishes of a vocal few and not the city as a whole. I see how we are portrayed in the news in our riot gear and hope that is not the image you carry of us in your minds. Let me introduce myself. My name is Abe Bromley, I am a father of five wonderful children. My wife is a talented hair stylist who also works in SLC. I graduated from St. Olaf College in Minnesota with a degree in education. I have lived in a foreign country where I was in the minority for several years. I patrol Rose Park and have for almost 13 years. I love the people of Rose Park. I am learning Spanish to be of better service. I would invite each of you to come and ride along with an officer, me if you like, to see what we actually do every day. I work day shift Tuesday through Friday and my passenger seat is always open. Thank you. Officer Bromley

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6/16/2020 11:32	Katherine Schweiner	<p>Councilman Johnston, Please read through this entire email, as I wrote it from my heart, after weeks and weeks of deeply educating myself. My name is Katie Schweiner, and I am a resident of Salt Lake City, District 2. I am writing to you in regards to the proposed SLC 2020-2021 budget. I was one of the hundreds of Salt Lake citizens who participated in the public virtual council meeting last Tuesday, June 9th, and one of the hundreds of voices that demanded a reduction in the SLCPD new fiscal year's budget. To witness the response to these demands being to increase the SLCPD budget is truly disheartening and angering. I have read your words, and I understand that you understand - something needs to be done to change our system. I am one of millions of educated folks across the country who know that police officers are NOT equipped to deal with the wide variety of issues that exist in our communities, that they are constantly abusing their power and getting away with it, and that reforming the police department and making sure policing is fair is ignoring our demands and allowing for the perpetuation of police brutality. I demand that there is NO spending on body cams, tasers, police car technology, de-escalation training, or new hires for the next year. We need not reform, but defund the police. Defunding the police does not mean eliminating the police, at least not yet. It means reallocating some of the money from a currently overly-funded (overwhelmed, incapable, largely unproductive, and often deadly) department to other currently underfunded yet essential services, such as housing, education, and health care services. *Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Katherine Schweiner	<p>* Continued 2/2* I know that you understand the importance of each of these services, as you have spent 20 years working with issues of homelessness, mental health, and addiction, and pledge to work for affordability in housing and transportation within Salt Lake City as the foundation for our future growth. Please, Councilman Johnston, hear our voices and use your voice and your knowledge to encourage Mayor Mendenhall to make the just decision here. I want to live in a city where our homeless folks are attended to, where all of our children have equal access to a diverse and quality education, where those experiencing mental health crises have a solid support system with solid resources to help them heal, where those struggling with addiction have a way out with the help of a holistic health care system, and where the citizens of the city feel PROUD of their representatives and PROUD to be a part of it all. I say our because we are supposed to be in this together. You are our councilman. We are your citizens. We are your neighbors. These folks struggling with homelessness, mental health issues, addiction, and barriers to education are YOUR neighbors and we are looking to you to help amplify our voices so that we can create a more functional and just system for this city. Please speak up, Councilman Johnston. Sincerely, Katie Schweiner</p>

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6/16/2020 11:23	Katie Peacock	<p>Councilperson Valdemoros, I am Katie Peacock, and I reside in District 4 of Salt Lake City. I have been a resident of the Wasatch Front for nearly my entire life, other than the few years I was in Florida for medical school. I happily have returned to these gorgeous mountains and am starting my final year of OBGYN residency. I join the voices of many who are concerned about the proposed increase in budget for the SLC police department that was previously proposed. During my medical training, I was impressed to learn that a huge proportion of "health" is already determined before I even get to see my patient. Much of that is racism. Given my training was in Florida, where a larger proportion of the population is Black, I was also educated about my prior ignorance about racism having grown up in Utah with very little exposure to black culture or the realities of racism. As a medical doctor I take seriously the mantra to "first do no harm." Because I am entrusted with the lives of my patients, I am required to continually ask myself how to keep my patients safe and provide the best care. It is my responsibility to ensure my practices are safe. If I cannot maintain safety standards, I do not get to practice medicine. I am disappointed that the police force, who are also entrusted with the safety of the community, has not similarly felt a similar responsibility to keep safe those they swore to protect. I am shocked and saddened that it has taken a huge movement to bring to light the issues of the police and force change. Tomorrow during the vote on the budget, I ask you to decrease funding to the police department by \$30 million dollars and move those funds to other social safety nets and structures outside of the police department. Do not increase police funding for reform. Sincerely, a constituent and doctor who is trying to be more anti-racist, Katie Peacock</p>

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6/16/2020 11:23	Betheny King	I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote.

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6/16/2020 11:25	Kayla Greer	<p>Good morning, My name is Kayla Greer, I am a resident of District 6. I am writing to you today to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD. These budget increases are unacceptable. We demand that no money be allocated towards body cams, tasers, police car technology, or de-escalation training, and that there be no new hires in the police department for the next year. We demand that Mayor Mendenhall makes drastic cuts to the SLCPD budget, of at least \$30 million, and reallocates these funds to reimagined public safety. I join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahns during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund social services, education, and pandemic recovery. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Kayla Greer</p>

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6/16/2020 11:28	Spencer Bagley	Honored councillors, While I'm a resident of South Salt Lake, I work at Westminster College (squarely within District 7). I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a budget for the people that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of lethal force against residents of color. Empty gestures and suggestions of reform? are unacceptable. I am demanding the voices of this movement be heard, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for marginalized communities is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, while social services and education--proven to better promote community safety than policing--stagnate. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, when too often paid out to officers responsible for harassing unhoused, Black, Indigenous, and Latinx residents, is deeply insulting. I am demanding that the City Council defund the SLCPD. I demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of impacted Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowering the police forces that tear us apart. Although City Council has thus far avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund care, not criminalization and incarceration. You must adopt a budget for the people. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time and attention. Spencer Bagley
6/16/2020 11:23	Katherine Molinari	Hi, My name is Katherine Molinari and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because more money needs to be put into preventative services, housing, education, homeless, mental health resources, and other resources in an effort to help and protect the people of our community. We need rehabilitation, help, and care for the people rather than punishment. Sincerely, Katherine Molinari

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6/16/2020 11:29	Linda Honeycutt	EVERYONE ! PLEASE VOICE YOUR FEELINGS AT FOX NEWS or KSL 5 TODAY. SALT LAKE CITY COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS BEGIN TODAY. !!! If you defund the Police dept, your loved ones will receive delayed medical responses. As first responders , there are numerous types of calls we are unable to encounter until we receive police clearance. Police are able to arrive on fire scenes ,medical scenarios more expediently than ambulance and fire crews. How many times have officers administered Narcan in the past year prior to EMS arrival and ultimately the patient had favorable outcomes? How many times have police initiated chest compressions prior to EMS arrival resulting in favorable outcomes ? Police have extinguished small fires with extinguishers , preventing fire spread countless times and pulled victims from burning buildings. You need to re-evaluate your budget and the value of Law enforcement. Prioritize accordingly ! Linda Honeycutt Sent from my iPhone
6/16/2020 11:27	Brendan Smith	I have heard the city council has proposed a new police budget which increases spending on body cams, tasers, police car technology, de-escalation training, and new hires. While de-escalation training and body-cams are valuable resources when it comes to decreasing police brutality, I would rather that the money for those resources come from within the current police budget. I'm no expert, but I'm sure there is something else within the police budget you can cut to make up the difference. My understanding is that police are being asked to do things that they are not trained for and until we empower other government organizations to step in do what they were trained to do, there will continue to be needless police altercations. So, I join with many others I'm sure in demanding that you decrease the police budget and reallocate it to people and organizations that have long been underfunded like social workers and mental health professionals.

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6/16/2020 11:25	Anonymous Constituent	As you no doubt know, last month 22 year old Bernardo Palacios was murdered by police officers here in Salt Lake City. This past month, our leaders in Salt Lake City have ignored this and when questioned about police brutality have focused on the fault of the Minneapolis P.D. and haven't looked enough at themselves. An increase in the police budget will not do what we need in this city. We can be leaders in justice- housing justice, food justice, environmental justice, but I'm afraid we will continue to cower behind violent and inhumane practices such as policing. We were a forerunner in giving homes to the homeless- let's do that more! We can expand drug rehab and non-violent social worker interactions with People suffering from mental illness. WE CAN do these things! please don't shy away from this moment and be brave! We will support you all making drastic and bold changes, we will not support calls for "more money for police reform". We've done that, and we have a long list of Utah citizens who have died or are homeless, hungry, undereducated, lacking in health care, and under supported. it's time for change, don't back down.

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6/16/2020 11:41	Kathryn Buntain	<p>changes we need to make will take more time and research and that we won't be able to pivot and make these changes overnight. That said, progressive city councils across the country that are considering these systemic changes have made public pledges to work on making this a reality, even if it can't happen right away. This is what I, and the other citizens behind this movement in Salt Lake, are asking for. I've included multiple links and excerpts from recent articles below showing how other cities across the country are approaching this challenge. Cities much larger than ours are committing to this change and have begun actually making proposed changes to their budgets. Again, I sincerely thank you for your response and I hope we can move forward together in change. Kathryn Buntain https://www.citylab.com/equity/2020/06/defund-police-city-council-budget-divest-public-resources/612694/ "No other city has gone as far as Minneapolis...But lawmakers in at least 16 other U.S. cities have proposed or made pledges that would divest some resources from the police. Several more have proposed taking police out of schools. Many of the ideas are more incremental in their rhetoric than Minneapolis's, calling instead for budget cuts or reductions in officer counts. Some are waiting to conduct firmer research or get more public input before making concrete plans. Even in Minneapolis, councilmembers haven't yet laid out details about how their proposal would work, instead promising that they'd listen to locals before determining a path. But already, in the weeks since Floyd's death, communities have been heard ? in the streets and online ? sparking an acute focus on funding as areform vehicle." https://www.thecentersquare.com/minnesota/minneapolis-city-council-votes-to-replace-police-with-another-model/article_b621ffd0-af39-11ea-86b8-47a8dc5eced3.html "The Minneapolis City Council unanimously passed a resolution intending to disband their police department and create a new model of public safety in response to the death of George Floyd. The resolution states the Council will start a year-long process of research and community engagement to discover a replacement."</p> <p>https://www.wbalv.com/article/defund-polce-baltimore-city/32868909# "BALTIMORE ?A budget proposal with more than \$22 million in cuts to the Baltimore Police Department is now on the way to the mayor. City Council members went through the budget line by line Monday, deciding what they felt should be kept and what could be cut. The meeting comes as protesters nationwide, and in Baltimore, call for less funding for police. After a full day and much of the night, the Baltimore City Council is sending its 2021 spending cut plan to Mayor Jack Young's desk. It includes \$22.4 million in cuts to the Baltimore Police Department: With a \$6.7 million cut to police overtime in five different departments, not including patrol. And a cut in funding to the</p>

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6/16/2020 11:25	Matthew Christensen	We need our police! Obviously we can work on some things but defunding is not the answer. Salt Lake police have an overall good track record and defunding them over events which happened in another State is foolish. I worry about increased crime endangering me and my family if we restrict our police force.
6/16/2020 11:26	Kathryn Buntain	<p>City Councilman Mano and Mayor Mendenhall, I am emailing to express my deep concern over the budget that is being voted on tomorrow. The country is rising up in response to recent and continued acts of police brutality. Salt Lake City is not immune from this prejudiced over-policing and broken criminal justice systems. I am new to the city and to Utah, and in my ~3 months of living here after moving across the country, I have already had 2 interactions with the police, more than I had in my previous hometown Columbus, Ohio over the course of 5 years. I should state that I am a 30 year old white woman and have never once feared for my life when interacting with the police and therefore felt comfortable calling them, which is certainly not the case for all of the Black citizens and people of color in your city. My husband and I have moved into an apartment near State and 9th, and we've already had two instances where we called the police - both times, the non-emergency line. The first was because someone broke into our garage and stole multiple items, and we needed an 'official report' to file our insurance claim. The second, because a man vandalized our front porch. Neither of these situations was life threatening or violent and did not require armed police officers to come out to our apartment. Yet that is what occurred. In fact, the second instance brought 3 armed police officers to our front yard to 'handle' a single intoxicated, confused, homeless man. In that situation, we were extremely torn from the start - do we call the police for something like minor vandalization of our property? This man clearly needed help, and should not have faced any kind of criminal process for what he did to our property. But we knew of no other option to address what happened and to keep it from continuing to happen, so we called the non-emergency line for help, explaining our situation. The 3 officers who came out told us that if there had been proof it was indeed this man that vandalized our property, they would have taken him "in".*Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Kathryn Buntain	<p>*Continued 2/2* What extent of punishment he would have faced, I don't know, but I feel deep shame that this person could have faced any kind of criminal action because of this, versus getting the help that he needed. This is a very small, insignificant example for why your citizens are calling out for change. This doesn't begin to address the very direct police brutality and murder disproportionately affecting Black people and POC in the city, but I wanted to share a simple instance of how defunding the police could become reality. The police should not be responding to situations like mine. I ask for the council and Mayor to reconsider the proposed budget where you have increased the police department budget by over a million dollars. The money being pumped into this broken, over-utilized institution is not going to fix the underlying problems that officers are responding to. That money could be reallocated to create new programs and/or fund the under-funded programs that already exist to address the hugely evident problems the city faces - one of which is the number of transient people living on the streets in this city. We want better addiction treatment access, mental healthcare services, affordable housing solutions, education enhancements, and a myriad of other social services. Please reconsider increasing funding to the SLCPD and instead consider funding the services that your citizens desperately need and deserve. Your citizens are asking you to be proactive instead of reactive and be more thoughtful about how our tax dollars are spent. Please fund services that help support, uplift, and serve your citizens instead of over-policing them. Thank you, Kathryn Buntain</p>
6/16/2020 11:27	Nicole Palmer	<p>As a resident of a nearby community who frequently travels to Salt Lake for business, entertainment and medical care, I am asking that you do not defend the police department. More funding for better training? Sure. Paying officers a better wage so you can attract high caliber officers? You bet. Just don't remove funding from those who are trying their best to protect and serve. We must give them the tools they need to be safe, productive and protective of the community they serve. Thank you.</p>

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6/16/2020 11:27	Katy Willis	Hello, I am a downtown business owner and live in Darin Mano's district. I am completely disheartened that the police budget has not been reallocated even a little after public outcry. You need to revise the budget to give less money to the police department. I understand that massive cuts aren't easy to achl've, but I really feel that y'all are ignoring your constituents. it's diminishing my already low faith in government and I have no idea how to trust the mayor or the Salt Lake City council after this disregard for the desires of the public. In Utah, I am used to the state and federal governments feeling unrepresentative of me personally, but I didn't think I would feel that way at the city level. it's a huge disappointment. Please, please do more. Look to other cities changing their budgets. it's possible. It will make our city better. Thank you, Katy Willis
6/16/2020 11:27	Bethany Everett	I'm one of your constituents and a homeowner in the Gilmer Park neighborhood. My husband and I paid roughly \$15,000 in STATE taxes last year. I sat in on the city council meeting for two and half hours this week listening to one constituent after another give SMART and impassioned and thoughtful requests to reduce the city policy budget by \$30 million dollars and reallocate those resources to organizations KNOWN to improve the livelihoods of citizens, including housing and food security, parks and arts, EDUCATION, mental health and drug abuse counselors. I did not get a chance to speak at that meeting because I had to put my kid to sleep, but to hear this young People's requests be so roundly dismissed and to learn that you are in fact proposing to INCREASE the budget it aborrhant and shameful. Sensitivity trainings are garbage. Body cameras do NOT stop police brutality. Do you think because many of the people on the call were students that they don't represent the views of other citizens? Because they reflect my family's and many of the families that I know here in Salt Lake City. Have you been doing the readings this students have? I can assure you, as a Professor of Sociology who has taught about inequality and the negative impacts of policing for almost two decades that they are correct. Please let me know if you need citations. I don't want any more of my taxpayer money going to the police.

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6/16/2020 11:28	Aimee Tatton	As a SLC resident in District 5 and worker in District 1, I am writing with major concerns over the proposed increase in spending on the police budget in SLC. I demand that police budget be cut and not increased. We do not need increase budget on body cams. Bernardo Palacios was shot on camera in SLC & no arrests have been made. Cameras don't curb police violence. Money should not be spent on de-escalation training. No new police hires. The time is now to act against police brutality & violence. Money will not change a corrupt system. Increased budget spending must be used on community needs where it will have a positive impact. Health & human services, education, and other services outside the police department! Make the correct choice for the safety & well being of ALL the residents of SLC! REDUCE POLICE FUNDING & SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING WHAT IS NEEDED.
6/16/2020 11:28	Ande Reisman	I am one of your constituents in District 5. I am writing to demand that no money is spent on body cams, tasers, or police car technology. I also demand that there are no new hires for the department next year. Even spending on de-escalation training is not the right use of our resources right now. Instead there needs to be a \$30 million budget cut for police and that money should be funneled into vital social services that support SLC's neediest and most over-policed populations. The research shows that these technologies DO NOT WORK and that do little to fundamentally rethink how policing in this country works. The time is now to boldly take steps towards a new, defunded police future. It it not, nor is it ever, the time to increase funding for policing.

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6/16/2020 11:28	Evan Pack	<p>I am deeply disappointed by the City Council's proposal to increase the SLCPD budget. The proposal to increase police would be naive if this was 2014 but in 2020 is just plain irresponsible. The fact that the City Council would suggest body cameras, tasers, "technology for police vehicles" and de-escalation training shows that you misunderstand the concept behind the idea to defund the police. The whole basis of the demands to defund the police is a recognition of the fact that the ideology governing modern policing is fundamentally flawed. Under the current model, behaviours of people experiencing drug addiction or homelessness are heavily criminalized. Are you aware that a study done in Utah found that the average person experiencing homelessness costs the state more to police and go to the ER than it would cost to house them? Police operate under the idea that low level offenses must be punished in an effort to maintain law and order. Why does a homeless person or a person on drugs need to be met with an armed enforcer? What makes carrying a gun an effective way to solve issues that are not directly related to violent crime? your proposal to increase funding shows that you do not understand this issue and that you are privileged enough so that you do not have to meaningfully face it. Defund the police. Body cameras, training, 3 victim advocates are not going to solve the issue. As long as the police exist as a militarized force meant to enforce the rule of law through the threat of violence the problem of police brutality and racial injustice will never go away. We have the opportunity to radically move this city forward to be a more peaceful and just community. Defunding the police and l'vesting in the community is the first step towards that. *Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Evan Pack	<p>*Continued 2/2*Please, don't deny this city a place in history. This movement will continue as long as there are men with guns putting their knees on innocent People's necks. The Minneapolis city council has committed to defund their police department. I implore you to take action before police kill someone and cause riots here. If the status quo is left intact I promise it is only a matter of time before we have our own George Floyd. Half a city'shouldn't have to burn for meaningful changes on policing to occur. Thank you Evan Pack On Tue, Jun 9, 2020 at 3:01 PM Evan Pack <evanbpack@gmail.com> wrote: Hello Darin, I would like you to make it a priority to I'vest in our city by I'vesting in schools, homelessness resources, and mental health initiatives. I bell've that these should be paid for by the funds which would otherwise go to the SLCPD. It is clear given recent events, that the police as a whole play a function in society which is too broad to meaningfully improve our city or our country as a whole. More training for police is not the answer. We cannot expect them to be mental health counselors, drug addiction social workers, homelessness outreach workers, or school truancy enforcement. I do not bell've that any of the issues which face our city, are best solved by the heavy hand of law enforcement which too often antagonizes at risk individuals rather than help. We can't expect police to extend one hand towards the homeless with a gun in the other. Please make it a priority to defund the police by cutting their budget by \$30 million and reallocating those funds for positive community benefit</p>
	Abby Martinez	<p>To whom it may concern, It has come to my attention that there is talks of cutting funding to the SLCPD. I would like to voice my opinion that I think this idea is completely the wrong direction. As I understandreform IS necessary defunding the department will do nothing to improve the police in the area. If anything, there'should be more money allocated to the department. Other areas need more money to increase trainings, mandatory counseling, emotional check ins (with a psychiatrist), and improving technology etc. officers in Utah are already underpaid, taking more money away logically would have the exact opposite effect. We already have a hard enough time keeping good candidates in policing because of the low pay in our state. How is cutting funds going to attract good candidates? Please reconsider going with the democrat narrative, this will have a long term negative impact. This is not what the majority of Utah citizens stand for. Thank you for your time, P. S. I do appreciate all your hard work but please take this into consideration.</p>

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6/16/2020 11:34	Carson Barlow	While Section 10-3-909 of the State code requires cities to fund a police department, there is no specification to the amount of funds to be allocated, nor does it outline the responsibilities to be assigned to the department. Therefore, it is still within state code to reallocate a large portion of the funds away from the current amount budget to the police department, and put them towards mental health services, and programs to help the homeless. With a city better equipped to handle mental health problems and homelessness, the Salt Lake City Police Department can be alleaved of the responsibilities issued to them to deal with these issues. I understand that there are contracts in place between the city and the police department that must be considered. If these contracts prevent the city from significantly decreasing the police department's budget, then a long term plan to defund the department, or overarching plan to work around the contracts must be put into place to assure the public that this issue is taken seriously.
6/16/2020 11:39	Kristina Smith	Hi there, Thanks for all the hard work you do to represent our community! Really appreciate the attentiveness during city council meetings and the action SLC is taking in response to the public outcry about police violence and Black lives. A few things I'd like to see happen with SLCPD: -\$30M divestment in SLCPD. Rel'vest funds in homelessness programs, COVID-19 relief for Black and brown communities, local business bailouts, school funding, social work, and programs to replace policing -ban use of military weapons -vote "no" on the proposal for a taser for each officer -establish a review board holding police accountable for violent behavior in our community (esp. the disproportionate amount of violence towards BIPOC members of our community) -repeal HB415 -repeal qualified immunity -prosecute officers who do harm to civilians -terminate all relationships with public schools -institute a monthly report from Mayor Mendenhall on police behavior and progress towards abolition Thanks for your time! -Kristina Kristina Smith a: Salt Lake City, UT

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6/16/2020 11:33	Lauren Morrill	Hello, My name is Lauren Morrill and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I will not stand to see the abuse of power in this nation any longer. We are a nation where justice and liberty for ALL is what we are built on and it is about god damn time we start seeing justice for all and liberty for all. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in our children?s education. And no more of this schools get funded from property tax bullshit. All schools must be funded equally. We are only as strong as our weakest member, we must strengthen them and support them. We as Utahns must set the standard for the nation on equality and acceptance. We demand a change and we demand it now. We are not by far the best country in the world but we have more than enough tools to become it. The pen will always be mightier than the sword and education will always get you further in life than a gun. We lead by knowledge and equality not by fear. Thank you, Lauren Morrill

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6/16/2020 11:34	Mahalia Lotz	<p>Dear Council Member Johnston, My name is Mahalia Lotz; I am a constituent of yours in District 2 of Salt Lake City. I am reaching out, as so many of my fellow citizens, to express my concern and frustration over the increase in the SLC Police Department's budget. I especially am disappointed that after so many phone calls and emails asking for a decrease in the police department's budget, the council has decided on an increase. I echo the demands for a \$30 million decrease in the police department's budget, and I question in particular \$780,000 going to body cameras, tasers, and car technology. Body cameras did not stop police officers from shooting at Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal more than 20 times while he was running away. It has become more and more evident to me that pastreform ideas do not prevent police brutality; they only document it. This funding will not enact impactful change. I urge you and your fellow council members to reduce the SLC Police Department's budget by at least \$30 million--and/or commit to a continual decrease for future police department budgets--and instead I'veest into programs that will franchise our most vulnerable populations, including our Black and Brown communities. As a Victim-Survivor Advocate serving folx who have experienced interpersonal violence, I would like to advocate in particular for better funding for social services centering on issues of poverty, homelessness, addiction, and mental health. Best, Mahalia Lotz</p>

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6/16/2020 11:35	Anonymous Constituent	it's a fact thatreforming, restructuring of the Police program must take place. Defunding/reducing the Police funds will only increase the odds of making bad hires without proper vetting and training. As with any situation, improvement always requires an l'vestment. In you want a positive outcome, this is going to have cost factor. If you reduce funding to anything, the quality always drop significantly. Reducing funding to our Police force will make it impossible to carry forward the intiatives that you are so desparately trying to impliment. Eliminating the Police department altogether is paving the path for anarchy and shouldn't even be on the table as an option. Who would we call when there's a shooting at a secondary school, or university? Who would we call when a home invasion occurs? Who do we call when we've had an accident and the person who caused it decides to leave? Who stops traffic so that accidents can be cleaned up? Who do we call when our child is kidnapped? Or someone just decides to destroy our property or take it? We must have some system in place to provide protection without the fear of police brutality. This requires better vetting. Better training. Better hires. Better salary pay. It requires an l'vestment in the very thing that is critical to maintaining safety to every citizen in Utah. PLEASE do not make decisions that can never be undone just because there is pressure. Change can happen. But it takes time and effort.

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6/16/2020 11:51	Amanda McGarry	<p>I am a Salt Lake City resident in District 5. I have lived here for almost 10 years now originally from Ohio. I will keep this brief since this probably isn't even going to get read judging by how it seems this council is listening to constituents..We need to cut the SLCPD budget. One of the first things I noticed about Salt Lake after moving here was how many cops there were. Granted its a bigger city than the one I moved from but still seemed like way too many cops. Any traffic stop I would see, there were at least 3 cops there to deal with it. How is that productive at all? The amount of cops patrolling the streets seems so high compared to the amount of "crime" we have in this city. That to me is a waste of money. If one cop is on the scene of something that turns out to be a mental health crisis or dealing with a homeless resident, the backup called shouldn't be to more cops.. it should be to a mental health worker or a crisis prevention person. We are not going to keep our community safe with more cops, more toys for cops or training that does not work. This proposed police budget is so far off the mark it is incredible. I cannot believe that the council or Mayor have not been taking this public outcry to heart on this. We do not need an increased budget for police. We need to start the process of defunding the police. Putting that money towards community services that we so desperately need. I would love to stay in Salt Lake for another 10 years, but every time I think it is becoming more "progressive" I am let down by those I have elected. I hope that you will vote against this budget and do everything in your power to make the voices of your constituents heard.</p>

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6/16/2020 11:35	Ethan Johnson	<p>I hope this is read by someone, as I am a longtime SLC resident and local business owner and feel that my voice needs to be heard. Like many of us, I've been following the news about the nationwide protests against racism and police brutality in the wake of the death of George Floyd. Many police departments throughout the country have serious issues with police brutality, especially with regards to people of color. Over the past couple of weeks I've regreably come to learn that the SLCPD is not an exception to this trend, but rather another expression of it. I was saddened to witness the violence that the police used against protestors on Saturday, May 30th. In one instance, I saw an officer fire into the crowd with rubber bullets in an appearingly indiscriminate manner, an act which seriously wounded a child who could not have been older than 13 or 14 years. She could not walk after she was shot, and needed to be carried out by the protestors to a safer place. With many other similar instances occuring on that night, and with the release of the bodycam footage of the death of Bernardo Palacios Carbajal, I've slowly come to realize over the past couple of weeks that the excessive violence committed by the SLCPD is not merely a set of isolated instances nor a case of a few bad cops without the proper amount of training, but is rather an expression of systemic issues related to policing in this country in general. This systemic issue has made me sad for my children, because I do not want my children to grow up in a police state. That the problem here is one of policing itself, and not merely one of a lack of proper oversight or a *Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Ethan Johnson	<p>*Continued 2/2* lack of proper training, is evidenced by the Minneapolis police department itself, a department which prior to the George Floyd killing was heralded as a leader of progressive policing and community responsibility. That same city has now taken steps to disl'vest from the policing aparatus and rel'vest in community welfare. I want our city to do the same, something definitely not reflected in the current budget proposal. I would be proud of SLC if we led the nation a new and more humane way of managing public safety.essential to this proposal is reallocating the police department's budget to other departments and creating new services that respond to the specific needs of the community, such as having profesisonal mental health workers respond to 911 calls pertaining to mental health (for example). Another part of this idea is the demilitarization of the police, up to and including restricting the possession of guns that police officers may carry. Many other democracies in the world already do this, and I do not see a reason why the US's police force and SLCPD must always seemingly be ready to use lethal force with a handgun always at their side. The possibility of lethal force in the majority of cases should not be an option. I've heard the response that police carry handguns for their own safety, which confuses me for three reasons: one, other democracies in the world have large police forces without guns, and their officers aren't significantly more at risk statistically than ours; two, even in the US, policing is not statistically a particularly dangerous job, with both miners and taxi drivers, to provide two of many possible examples, having a significantly more danerous profession than police officers; lastly, the police's job is to serve and protect us, not themselves, and at this present moment in history the arming of the police has had the opposite effect. I thank you for taking the time to listen to me.</p>

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6/16/2020 11:39	Mairin Buckley	Hi Chris, My name is Mairin Buckley and I am a resident of your area. This email is in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I support the city making drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million dollars, and reallocation of that money to community building services. The system is broken, and throwing more money at the problem will not fix it. We need to financially support community organizations that are separate from the police in order to see justice. Imagine what that kind of money could do in the hands of organizations that actually specialize in building and caring for the community! The safest neighborhoods are not the ones with the strongest police force, but rather the most resources. I work in laboratory medicine, and that is where we need this money right now. Healthcare workers need PPE and other resources, communities need safe access to food and care, people need housing they can afford to live in, and the education and mental health services required to let them survive in our world. This is not a problem of individuals or "bad apples", but a systemic problem. Giving more money to that system, even with the best of intentions, will not fix it because policing is not the answer to our problems - community resources are. Thank you so much for your time. Mairin
6/16/2020 11:47	Tiffany Peterson	We should not defund our police departments! A few years back, my employer had a break in and as I attempted to call West Valley Police Department, I was told they could not send an officer due to being short staffed. In 2007, my life was saved by an armed officer who was able to arrest and detain my ex who, I bell've, would have killed me. I agree that we need areform. I am half way through my bachelors degree in Psychology and there are many things I have learned that bell've would benefit our officers. Mental Health, Physical Defense and educational courses. If we made it law that our officers must attend college courses, spend time in the communities (nursing homes, mental institutions, juvenile detention centers, schools and hospitals) would help educate the differences when it comes to diversity. Lets face it, people are scared of law enforcement (to some extent) and if we educated the community and the police force, we could see a tremendous boost in respect on both sides. Please do NOT defund our Police Departments!

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6/16/2020 11:38	Cynthia Walkowski	Dear Councilman Wharton, This email is to ask you to please vote against defending the Salt Lake City Police Department. As a concerned Avenues resident, I am so opposed to this idea. We need the police! The police are the first responders to a broad range of public safety issues and serious crime will not end if we abolish or defund the police. If the police are defunded, there will be a delayed response when people who are in need call 911, fewer police on the street and in neighborhoods and communities, and lack of police capacity to respond to serious crimes that present significant threats to public safety. If we defund the police, those most affected will be the poor and the marginalized. Wealthy neighborhoods will hire private security as they are already doing, and poor neighborhoods will have to fend for themselves even more than they already have to. Delays and police response and lack of police capacity will increase fear of crime, render victims of crime helpless and wreak havoc on communities, especially communities of color even more so than is already the case. Thank you for your consideration and your service.
6/16/2020 11:38	Danielle Thurman	I am writing today to share with you that I do not want the SLC police defunded. While I do bell've that black lives matter, I do not feel that defunding the police is the answer. Just like when 9/11 happened, we could not blame certain ethnic groups for that, we can not blame the entire police force for racial discrimination. I would like to see more funding go to the police to provide trainings, have more community involvement, etc. I have had contact with many good police officers who care and help. They make our community safer. Thanks for your time.

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6/16/2020 11:38	Daniel J. Thomas J.D.	<p>Today is the one month anniversary to the trailer park fire on Major Street. Please read this brief update. ? The Salt Lake Building inspector has done an excellent job of posting DNE (DO NOT ENTER) red placards on every unsafe dwelling in the park and REPOSTING the same placards on multiple occasions when the trespassing occupants remove them. ? I have reported the trespassing to the police department many times. The trespassing has not been enforced and Officer Norgaard directly told me that it will not be enforced. ? The trailer park is currently back near full capacity, being illegally occupied by trespassing tenants and the property manager who is still renting out the properties despite the DNE orders. ? Drug dealing has picked back up to business as usual at the trailer park and the three adjacent houses. ? I waiting for Detective King and Sargent Van Wagner to return my phone calls. Detective King spoke with me twice, assuring the DNE orders were being and would be enforced, but hasn't returned any of my calls since I spoke with Officer Norgaard. Sargent Van Wagner told me he was going to call me back about three weeks ago, I've left him messages since and I am still waiting. ? Sadly, the law-abiding homeowner of 11 years who is nearest to all this crime (1392 S Major) is in the process of moving because she and her husband no longer feel safe in their own home. The rest of us homeowners and businesses on this street aren't far behind. Sincerely, Councilman Mano, Mayor Mendenhall, Detective King, Chief Brown, and Inspector Sundell -- I am writing to express urgent concern regarding the human habitation of the dwellings--closed by the Salt Lake Safety Inspector--at the mobile home park on Major Street and Harrison Ave (about 1350 S). After a recent fire, the safety inspector closed down the trailers with fire damage as well as the rest of the dwellings in the park, citing electrical safety hazards for each remaining unit (not related to the fire damage). Electrical must have been the easiest item to cite because these homes are clearly dangerous, from the eyes of the average person, on multiple grounds. I have owned my home in this neighborhood for almost 7 years, *Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Daniel J. Thomas J.D.	<p>*Continued 2/2* and I see drug deals, People'shooting up heroin and smoking meth, and related crimes on a daily basis. The sl'ver lining of the Safety Inspector posting red placards to close each dwelling at this location was the sharp reduction in neighborhood crime. The trailer park has a strong history of housing drug dealers, being the hotspot for crime, and as one of the main arteries supplying drugs to the non-stop drug dealing at Wayne's Coner (SW corner of 1300 S. State St.). The first day or so after the recent fire, when the trailer park was vacant, this neighborhood almost seemed normal. Now, the criminal activity is rebounding to its prior glory, concurrently with residents illegally reoccupying the dwellings closed by the Safety Inspector. Apparently, Police Officers informed the tailer park residents that they will not be enforcing the law against them for trespassing against the Safety Inspector's orders. I understand people do not plan ahead for their homes to be closed due to fire or other safety hazards, but not having somewhere else to go does not trump the law nor safety hazards. Several of us law-abiding neighbors have been working with Tim Cosgrove, Community Liaison for the mayor's Office, to solve the nightmare of crime pouring out of this trailer park and the three adjacent houses (directly to the trailer park's south), all owned and illegally operated by the same entity: Thomas l'vestment Holdings LLC, Salt Lake City/ Wayne Middleton. Please, do a history search to see how many 911 calls, arrests, citations, stolen vehicles recovered, health department closures for meth contamination, and SWAT Team raids have occurred on this small cluster of dwellings. I could estimate based on what I have personally seen, but not one of you would bell've me. I beg each of you to look at the big picture here. This is the first time we have a simple, enforceable way to break up the crime in this part of the Ballpark neighborhood, and we are squandering the opportunity simply because it is inconvenient. Please, please enforce the Safety Inspector's order. It is vital to our collective efforts to make this neighborhood safe. Additionally, I am calling for action to be taken on the additional three properties under common ownership: 1378, 1383, and 1388 S. Major St. If they were within the same fenced area as the trailer park, there is no doubt the Safety Inspector would have posted red placards on their doors too.</p>

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6/16/2020 11:48	Courtney Tyler	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.

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6/14/2020 9:02	Cynthia Sorensen	<p>It is irresponsible for Salt Lake City to even consider defunding their police force. Rather than caving to the hatred placed on our police officers who you are punishing for the wrong doing of a corrupt police officer in MINNEAPOLIS, you should be giving them raises. You should work alongside them to see what they do and ALL that they do and how vital their jobs are to the safety of your residents. You have a responsibility and duty to your residents to provide the best policing services to us, the tax payers. The people who trust you with decisions in our communities. I have personally had interactions with your officers and they have all been great and I'm Mexican. Your officers are severely underpaid as it is, especially for a job that could cost them their lives at any given moment. They would give THEIR lives protecting YOURS! Consider pulling money from your own pockets to help your community. Go on a ride along, stand WITH them and beside them as they work the front lines of protests and have rocks and shouts of insults thrown at them all while showing great restraint. You owe them this. The way you improve your police force is by providing more training, raise pay, and allow for more conversations with the community. These officers are human beings, they sacrifice time with their families so you could be safe at home with YOURS, you have a diverse department, people of all colors and backgrounds, they have a community that stands behind them, they save lives, listen to US too, have a fair conversation with both sides instead of just listening to one side!!</p>

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6/14/2020 11:48	Christy Terrill	I am a concerned neighbor living in the Monument Park neighborhood. I have lived here almost 15 years. We love our neighborhood and are frighten to image how wrong this project could go. I am opposed to the amount of traffic the new jobs and the over 7000 apartment/condo will bring into our neighborhood. We already have a traffic issue getting existing employees in and out of research park. Cars often flip U turns on Sunnyside just east of Padley or drive through the neighborhood trying to avoid the long line at the Sunnyside?s intersections. I am sure you are aware of the pedestrians that have been injured in the past. But you may not be aware of how many close calls we (as neighbors) have experienced while coming in and out of our own homes. I never allowed my children the freedom to access Sunnyside or Foothill on foot or bike. And kept them above 2300 E. This may seem extreme but I was nearly run over crossing Sunnyside shortly after moving to our home. We, personally, have also had several close calls while driving to or from our home. It is extremely frustrating at times. There is no way this small area can handle another 7,000 + residents and the additional employees that will come with the expansion. This project needs to be scaled back and more research done in advance to resolve the current traffic problems and the future problems it will create. There also needs to be more inclusion of our neighborhood as it directly impacts our daily lives. I appreciate you taking the time to read my long message.
6/14/2020 11:38	Shea Petersen	Please do not consider defunding our police department. It is an ignorant and irresponsible knee-jerk reaction to recent events. Just as we could never judge a whole race based on criminal acts of a few, we do not want to judge an entire police force for the terrible acts of a few, either.reform of policies needs to be talked about, but those are not the fault of the officers who sacrifice so much for our safety. Do not punish them in order to pander to a few loud complaints. Thank you Shea Petersen
6/14/2020 11:45	Joshua Christiansen	FULLY FUND THE POLICE!!!!!!! Now is not the time to make emotional decisions. This city is growing and taking away resources from a critical source of help is idiotic and irresponsible.

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6/14/2020 11:56	Trey McEuen	I demand that Salt Lake City reallocate funds out of the proposed budget for the increase in police force instead into providing services to our homeless populations, I'vesting in arts programs, and I ask that the city reevaluate how they approach police training. We need to be I'vesting our resources into professionals who have degrees as social workers, EMTs, nurses, and councelors. Salt Lake City needs to I'vestigate alternate ways for for the city to respond to emergencies.
6/14/2020 11:51	James Bowers	Do not Defund the police department. That would a hasty emotional decision not related to facts. Emotional decisions never work out for the best. IF anything the police needs more funding so the police can get additional training and hire more police so they are worked to death and get some time off to refresh from the job.
6/14/2020 12:02	Rachael Kanavel	Since the early 2000s Salt Lake City has had an independent, 14 member board tasked with oversight of the police department. The board can make rulings on whether an officer acted outside official policy but doesn?t have the authority to appropriately discipline police officers. Our community has continued to be subjected to harassment, violence, and killing from the police department. Does the Salt Lake City Council plan to create a new democratically elected board with the appropriate authority over the police department?
6/15/2020 7:29	KC Hutton	Dear Councilwoman Valdemoros, In reviewing the IACP Management and Operations Study included in the Police Department Budget Report, I noted that District 4, my district, accounts for the most calls for service, "...with about 75% more than district 2 (the second busiest district) and more than ten times the slowest council district (district 6)..." On a daily basis, I enjoy clocking 3-5 miles walking my dog through the streets of District 4. The evidence of an unhealthy constituent population is right outside my door; however, the answer to a neighborhood in distress is not to increase police presence. Research shows the historic, systemic racial and economic motivations of incarcerating underserved populations (the "prison-industrial complex") while protecting police forces remains active today (see the research of John Rappaport, law professor, University of Chicago, The School of Law). I do not wish on my neighbors entry into the prison pipeline, from which the likelihood they will emerge as healthy, contributing citizens is nil. Rather, as your constituent, to break the cycle of mass incarceration and build a healthier community, I request that the City Council reconsider the areas from which the *Continued 1/2*

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	KC Hutton	<p>*Continued 2/2* Police Department is seeking savings in the upcoming FY20-21 budget: I was dismayed to see that the Department appears to be targeting a hiring freeze primarily within the Social Worker Program. Specifically, three social worker positions that are currently vacant are recommended to be part of a six month hiring freeze. I implore the Council to re-route funding to fully staff the social worker program. The IACP Study specifically states, "Expanding this program throughout the department clearly seems beneficial. Likewise, comprehensively including social worker supervisors in the ILP/COMPSTAT meetings, community meetings, roll calls, and liaisons with other social service agencies seems especially prudent. It is also suggested that this effort be geographically based so that social workers are assigned to each district as well. It is critical that all officers in all units fully understand the value and role of the social workers within the SLCPD, and how they can help link services and provide direct services to help reduce crime, CFS, and solve problems." The budget also seeks to include the following in the hiring freeze: 1 Victim Advocate, 2 Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), 1 Social Work Manager, 1 Forensic Scientist Supervisor. Of note later in the budget report in regards to the city crime lab accreditation: "A currently vacant forensic scientist supervisor FTE will need to be filled in FY21 for the accreditation process to advance further." I ask the Council to consider diverting funds from sworn officer FTEs to fund the above positions fully. Social workers embedded within our community working to connect citizens to health, mental health and employment resources is the best I'vevestment of our tax dollars. Additionally, having a fully functional city crime lab that can accurately process evidence particularly in cases related to sexual assault will help protect our vulnerable neighbors. Should the Council move forward with its proposal to hold 2.8 million dollars for review by a to-be-established City commission, I request that the above items be considered. Additionally, I request the Council explore additional models of rethinking public safety budgets by considering how rel'vestment, up-front I'vestment and I'vest-divest strategies may be applicable to expanding the SLCPD's community-based strategies (see Public I'vestment in Community-Driven Safety Initiatives, Urban Institute, Leah Sakala, Samantha Harvell, Chelsea Thomson, Nov. 2018). Sincerely, KC Hutton</p>

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6/15/2020 11:18	Kellie Gerbers	<p>Good afternoon, City Council, My name is Kellie Gerbers and I'm a resident of Salt Lake City. I'm writing in regard to the budget discussion slated to take place on June 16th. There has been much discussion related to how police departments have been/are currently funded. I am strongly opposed to the recommended 2.5% increase to the police budget as outlined on page A-6 of the proposed 2021 budget. I am asking you to reconsider this budget in favor of defunding the police and redirecting those funds to other services and programs who are better trained and suited to respond to situations that in no way should evoke a violent response from the police. Samuel Sinyangwe provides research-based evidence that refutes common assumptions about methods that might reduce police violence. 1) Body cameras do not reduce police violence (source: https://www.pnas.org/content/116/21/10329.short?rss=1). As a city, we should not assume that ordering more cameras and requiring their use will decrease police violence. 2) The effectiveness of anti-bias training is inconclusive. (https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2017/12/implicit-bias-training-salt-lake/548996/). A lack of consistent standards, methods for measurement, lack of post-training assessments, etc.,--all of these factors limit our ability to assess whether these trainings have the desired impact. That said, certain approaches do yield evidence-based results suggesting that specific interventions do yield reduced violence. 1) More restrictive use of force policies do lead to reduced police violence. In SLC, there has been a steady trend upward over the past 24 months of increased incidence requiring force--why is this? What alternatives has the city explored? 2) Militarizing the police does increase police violence (source: https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2053168017712885). We should demilitarize our police. 3) Predictive police data can predict officers more likely to use unnecessary force/violence (source: https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/criminal-justice/ct-predicting-bad-police-behavior-20190801-xumudeezmjalbbpmqwyvh26tdi-story.html) 4) Re-l'vesting funds into community organizations, 911 alternatives, and mental health resources. According to the research (https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0003122417736289), for every 10 additional organizations in a city: Reduces the murder rate by 9% - Reduces violent crime rate by 6% - Reduces property crime rate by 4% You have the power to affect change based on how to decide to fund the police department. Please look at the data, listen to your residents, and use your power on the council to make a real change that will save the lives of Black, Indigenous, and other people of color living in Salt Lake City. Respectfully, Kellie Gerbers</p>
6/15/2020 11:55	KC B	<p>I am against the defunding and/or disbanding of SLCPD. I also bell've that good candidates will cost money, training costs money and background screening costs money. Thank you</p>

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6/15/2020 12:03	Landon Lucy	Hi Ana, My name is Landon Lucy. I am a resident of district four and a student at the University of Utah here in Salt Lake City. I am writing in reference to the recent decision to increase SLCPD's budget. Policereform has not been shown to decrease police violence in the past. I bell've the money that is being spent on technologies and de-escalation training could be put to much better use in social services to improve community well being. The large majority of crime happens because people are lacking the support they need. Police officers are also called upon to address many facets of society that they are not trained for such as mental health crises and homelessness. This brings violence into situations where there do not even need to be weapons. The system is inherently corrupt. There will not be such a large need for police if we can instead address the roots of crime. Please consider using your voice to vouch for defunding the police budget and giving it back to the community. Thank you for reading. Sincerely, Landon Lucy
6/15/2020 13:33	Emma Gleave	Dear City Council, I am disheartened to see a 2.6% increases in proposed police funding for the upcoming fiscal year, particularly given the immense public outcry for reallocating these funds to other needed sectors in our city programs. We, as your constituents, demand that you divest at least \$30 million from proposed police budget, I'veesting instead in education, mental health services, and addressing homelessness. Such issues are pressing, and no amount of police expansion will adequately address them, which is why directly funding the programs that do isessential. We expect action. We expect change. Best, Emma Gleave

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6/15/2020 13:49	Katie Beacom	<p>Hello Representative Valdemoros, I work in Salt Lake City District 4. I was glad that the council took time to discuss the Salt Lake City Police Department and decided to hold off on the vote for the new budget. While I think that the Department could benefit from body cameras, de-escalation training, and victim advocates, I can not agree with the budget increase. If these things are to be provided to the Department, they must come out of the current budget. I know there have been pleas to cut the Police Department's budget by \$30 million, which would be useful to the community. At the very least, there can not be a budget increase. I would like to see this \$2 million? or, ideally, \$32 million? I've invested in housing and COVID-19 relief. With so many on unemployment, an unceasing homeless population, and a minimum wage that has not budged in 11 years, a PD budget increase would be a slap in the face to so many in the Salt Lake City community. Salt Lake City Police Department is in desperate need of areform. Officers must be held accountable for their actions. I would like to see any officers involved in misconduct lose their pensions and I do not think that this is the appropriate time for there to be a salary increase and starting pay increase within the Department. Now is the time to listen to the people. The re-examination of the Department's role in our community is fundamental.</p> <p>Thank you for your time, Katie Beacom</p>

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6/15/2020 13:52	Kathryn Lingwall	<p>I am a resident of House District 5 and Senate District 2. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Kate Lingwall</p>

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6/15/2020 13:48	Katie Beacom	Hello Representative Dugan, I am a homeowner in Salt Lake City District 6. I was glad that the council took time to discuss the Salt Lake City Police Department and decided to hold off on the vote for the new budget. While I think that the Department could benefit from body cameras, de-escalation training, and victim advocates, I can not agree with the budget increase. If these things are to be provided to the Department, they must come out of the current budget. I know there have been pleas to cut the Police Department's budget by \$30 million, which would be useful to the community. At the very least, there can not be a budget increase. I would like to see this \$2 million? or, ideally, \$32 million? I've invested in housing and COVID-19 relief. With so many on unemployment, an unceasing homeless population, and a minimum wage that has not budged in 11 years, a PD budget increase would be a slap in the face to so many in the Salt Lake City community. Salt Lake City Police Department is in desperate need of areform. Officers must be held accountable for their actions. I would like to see any officers involved in misconduct lose their pensions and I do not think that this is the appropriate time for there to be a salary increase and starting pay increase within the Department. Now is the time to listen to the people. The re-examination of the Department's role in our community is fundamental. Thank you for your time, Katie Beacom
6/15/2020 14:07	Bashaun Williams	I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote. Please do the right thing.

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6/16/2020 11:51	Kate Signore	<p>I am a resident of Salt Lake City, District 1. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,</p> <p>Katherine Signore</p>

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6/15/2020 13:46	Kristiana Sieger	Hi Darin, My name is Kristiana Sieger, and I?m a constituent of district 5. I attended both city council meetings to voice my concerns about the SLCPD budget and was extremely disheartened to see the lack of engagement of all the other council members. I felt proud that I live in your district, as you were the only council member that remained engaged during the meetings, but your engagement is not enough. I beg that you listen to your constituents demands. You were chosen by your constituents to be our voice, and now we are asking you to accurately represent us by demanding the reduction of the SLCPD budget by at least 30 million and NOT supporting the proposed additional 1.3 million. It is extremely insulting that so many salt lake residents came together to demand action, and were met first with apathy and then with the the exact opposite of what we were demanding with an additional budget increase of 1.5 million. We should not be rewarding our police department with extra funds for being a violent and racist institution. Deescalation training and additional body cams have already been proven to be ineffective and the only change that seems like it may be effective is hiring victim advocates, but I fail to see see how adding only three victim advocates will make a dent in the situation. Please do your job and represent the will of your constituents. Thank you for your time, Kristiana Sieger
6/15/2020 13:44	Laura-Jane Fletcher	Dear City Council, My name is Laura Fletcher and I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote.

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6/15/2020 13:46	Laura-Jane Fletcher	Dear City Council, My name is Laura Fletcher and I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote.
6/16/2020 11:07	McKala Hansen	Hello, I am a resident of Utah valley and although I don't live in SLC I do not agree with y?all cutting the SLCPD budget. How will that help them get more training to do their jobs the best they can? It won?t! Please, as a cops wife- don't do that to families in the SLC area. Thank you for each of your time. I hope y?all think long and hard on this. -McKala H.

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6/15/2020 13:43	Rebecca Clawson	<p>I hope you're all healthy and well during this challenging time in our community and around the world. I'm writing to ask you to please support Salt Lake city's police officers. Please don't reduce or reallocate their funding. Instead, please consider giving them all raises if you can. They deserve them. Please praise our good officers for all of their hard work keeping our beautiful city'safe and livable. It is disheartening to hear how so many turned against our Salt Lake City police officers so quickly and so violently. Their lives and the lives of their families, including their children, are being threatened. This has to stop. They have high-stress jobs already. Please help to show your support by standing with our police officers and letting the public know violence and threats against our police officers won't be tolerated. We are all justifiably upset by the bad officer who murdered Mr. Floyd. it's shocking to learn Mr. Floyd died such a horrible death at the hands of someone who was supposed to protect him. That officer's actions aren't representative of all officers. Good officers just don't do things like this. Please get to know our Salt Lake City police officers and the cases they handle. Please go on ride-alongs, read police reports, and talk to the officers and their families and friends. They do so much at work beyond making arrests. They keep our roads safe by directing and diverting traffic when needed and by removing debris and other safety hazards from our city'sstreets. They get flagged down in their marked patrol cars by panicked motorists who need help with a baby on the way who isn't going to wait for a hospital delivery or who need help with an unresponsive child who might not make it all the way to the emergency room. People are rell'ved to see police officers because they know they're there to help in any situation. They help deliver babies, calm children with special needs who have just been in traffic accidents, play basketball with at-risk youth, connect with refugee families who are new to our community, and check up on our elderly population have long been part of our community who might be in need. They protect and enrich our communities in so many ways.*Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Rebecca Clawson	<p>*Continued 2/2* We also need enough Salt Lake City police officers to be able to handle emergency crime-related calls to help keep our communities safe. There isn't a moment to lose when officers are called to a domestic violence situation where the suspect is smothering their spouse or beating a baby. There isn't room for error when a suspect is using a child as a shield. We need enough officers to be able to respond to these calls in groups since they can be such volatile situations. And we need officers to be able to respond quickly. A cut in funding will reduce the number of officers, which will reduce response time. I spent several years assisting victims of domestic violence, heard their stories, and read their police reports. When the violence escalates, it doesn't matter if the suspect has mental health issues or is on drugs or alcohol or all or none, we need our officers to be able to respond to these calls to save lives. Diverting funds to mental health and drug and alcohol counseling services won't help in these urgent violent situations which are all too common. Police officers are trained to handle unfolding domestic violence situations with composure and calm. No one else can do this job. Our police officers need the funding to keep responding quickly to these calls and they need the support after handling these calls. They don't deserve to be maligned and threatened by our community. Please fully fund the Salt Lake City Police Department. Please fully support our amazing police officers so they have everything they need to do the job that only they can do. Thank you for your time, Rebecca Clawson</p>
6/15/2020 13:58	Lisa Jackson	<p>Please do everything you can to prevent a Civil War. They are organized and this is well planned. George Soros, The Democratic National Party, and China are probably all funding and planning this. They are trying to take all of the big cities first. Do not let them take Salt Lake City by just asking you to vote! Please! Thanks! -- Lisa Jackson</p>

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6/15/2020 14:08	Keaton Brock	Hello, My name is Keaton Brock. I am a resident of Salt Lake City and a children?s theater educator. I am reaching out because I feel like the city council is not hearing what the people want. The proposed changes to the budget that would increase the police budget are NOT what I want, nor is it what many of my friends and family in this city want. I do not support the purchasing of more body cams until there is civilian control and oversight of the police. Increasing the police funding instead of I'veesting that in funding community services, like the Inn Between, is unacceptable. Ending the hiring freeze in the police department is unacceptable. Rather, use that funding to go towards places like the Inn Between. Use that funding to put social workers and mental health workers in schools. Make social workers and mental health workers easily available for communities of color that are sorely lacking support. The police can not handle the issues that need help. The police were created to force black people into the prison system to continue slavery. They perpetuate the problem. Give that funding to people who can help the problem at its core. Sincerely, Ms. Keaton Brock Sent from my iPhone
6/15/2020 14:08	Kellie Wheeler	To whom it May concern, I will write to you every single day to remind you how ridiculous it would be to defund the SLC PD. Why are you listening to these protestors? It is not about Black lives matter. I think everyone knows that. I am so disappointed in the state of Utah with the response from COVID to now Defund the Police. ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! So who will show up to a domestic call? A therapist? Who is going to keep the law and order? You? Please tell me how we will be able to keep up with the crime that already takes place in SLC? It makes me sick that you all are really listening to these protestors. Are we going to turn into the good ole state of WA? There is a reason why we have laws set in place and there are reason why we have cops. I WILL NOT SUPPORT THE DEFUND POLICE EVER NOT EVER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Sincerely, Kellie Wheeler

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6/15/2020 14:34	Kristen Trice	Dear City Council, My name is Kristen Renee and I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote.

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6/16/2020 10:18	Cate Christiansen	<p>proposed 2020-2021 budget for the police department. If you have been following the news recently, you may have seen the phrase Defund the Police going around. Here, I would like to explain to you what that phrase means. Defunding the police does not mean an entire dismantling of the police force. Defund the Police would mean a drastic cut from the police budget, and then a reallocation of these funds into community uplift programs. Many of the issues that our police have to face they are untrained for because the American Policing System has put cops in charge of simply too many responsibilities. For example, cops respond to homelessness calls, they deal with the mentally ill, they are present in mismanaged school, they arrive when drug users overdose, and so much more. However, many of these are systemic issues. The response to homelessness, mentally ill people, mismanaged school, and drug overdoses should not be incarceration or criminalization. Homelessness needs to be prevented, not met with consequences for those who need solutions. Our community needs more affordable solutions for mental health problems; medication, facilities, treatment, and therapy are very expensive for individuals. In the past 40 years, police jurisdiction has expanded dramatically, especially in poorer communities and communities of color. Police presence in these communities is intimidating, and it does not solve issues such as racial and economic disparities from the core of the issue itself. Policereform does not work. Police brutality is still a major issue across the country, even with de-escalation training programs in place. De-escalation training costs millions of dollars every year. In the proposed budget for 2020-2021, Salt Lake wants to add \$322,000 to the budget for de-escalation training. While it is important for cops to learn to handle situations rather than respond to them with violence, the issue comes down to racial profiling. Minneapolis was a city that represented progressive policereform. However, their efforts were ineffective. Take George Floyd's death as proof. Here in Utah, 1.6% of our population is Black and 13% of our population is Latinx. Between January 2013 and December 2019, the Utah police reported (key word reported) that 82 people were killed by police. Of these 82 people, 8 of them were Black. Of these 82 people, 13 of them were Latinx. 9.76% of the people killed by police in Utah between 2013 and 2019 were Black, in a state where only 1.6% of our population is Black. 15.9% of the people killed by police in Utah were Latinx, in a state where only 13% of our population is Latinx. These statistics only represent fatalities, which is only one major issue. In Utah, Black and Latinx people are also disproportionately incarcerated. The Prison Policy Initiative used the 2010 Census to show the number of people incarcerated per 100,000 people in that racial/ethnic group in Utah. White's: 367 Latinx: 832 Black: 2711 Native</p>

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6/15/2020 14:14	Kelly Lynn	Dear City Council, When you vote Tuesday, do not approve an increase in police spending. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it starts with your vote. Thank you, Kelly Sent from my space telephone.
6/15/2020 13:51	Aurora Laird	I am a resident of Utah's 2nd Congressional District. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Aurora Laird

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6/15/2020 13:53	Lauren Sullivan	I am a resident of Ogden. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Lauren Sullivan
6/15/2020 14:01	Matthew Quigley	Hello Amy, I'm a constituent residing in Sugarhouse and I'd like to voice my strongest and unequivocal opposition to any increase in funding toward the SLCPD Budget. I do not believe increasing the funding towards the proposed increases for body cams, taser, police car technologies, de-escalation training, or new hires of officers will address the current crisis facing our community today. The SLCPD is inherently not prepared to or capable of meeting the needs of our city. I believe that a reduction in overall police spending coupled with an increase in spending in social services can benefit public safety in a just and equitable manner. Please do not vote for any increases in the police force budget. We are a city, not a police force that dabbles in social services. Thank you for your time and once again I urge you not to vote for any increases to the SLCPD Budget and to decrease spending and reallocate those funds towards better solutions. -- Matthew Quigley

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6/16/2020 7:46	Kelsey Richards	Councilwoman Fowler, My name is Kelsey Richard and I am writing to protest your proposal to increase the police budget. This goes directly against what Utah citizens have been demanding - that is, to defund the police and redirect those funds into community-building services outside the police department. More spending on police technology, weaponry, hiring, and training does NOT solve the problem of police violence in Utah or America. What will begin to solve it is acknowledging institutionalized racism, listening to your constituents and defunding the police. We are watching and our votes will hinge what your actions are now. Sincerely, Kelsey Richards
6/15/2020 13:53	Lindsey Watts	Dear City Council, My name is Lindsey W. and I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote.

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6/15/2020 14:03	Matthew Berman	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you, Matthew Berman
6/15/2020 14:10	Lindsey Watts	Dear City Council, My name is Lindsey W. and I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we gri've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it starts with your vote.

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6/15/2020 14:33	Maquira Brock	<p>Good afternoon, I am writing today as a very frustrated Black constituent. You are in office as an elected official to represent the needs and demands of our community. You are failing us as our public servant. If your take away from our demands during city council meetings and protests is that we want to INCREASE the budget for police in the guise of reforms, then you have not been listening. Adding money to the police department for body cameras and de-escalation trainings are putting a bandaid on the problem. You are disguising easy wins as progress, and it is disturbing. We KNOW that body cameras do not stop murders. We KNOW that there are loopholes in de-escalation policies in which police can escalate force with reasonable cause. These reforms are NOT ENOUGH! This refrain has been repeated OVER AND OVER, and you still do not understand OR choose not to listen! Our taxpayer money should be allocated in an EFFECTIVE and EFFICIENT WAY! it should be going towards investing in social workers, mental health professionals, and teachers! This is OUR TAXPAYER MONEY! it should be allocated in the way that WE DEMAND! Please do not waste this moment! Salt Lake City has the opportunity to make real long lasting change in the community. We demand NO NEW police hires, NO spending on de-escalation training, NO spending on body cameras, and REALLOCATING 30 million dollars for community building services. I hope that you are receiving this message and understanding loud and clear! We will not stop! Please remember that you are an elected official. You vowed to listen and act for us. Please do not betray that social contract. Sincerely, Maquira</p>
6/15/2020 13:55	Mary Linda Brazell	<p>Dear City Council, My name is Mary Brazell and I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grieve collectively, as thousands, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it starts with your vote. Sent from my iPad</p>

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6/15/2020 14:13	Mary Linda Brazell	I am sure you have heard an enormous amount of complaints and recommendations regarding the current police department so I will not rehash them. I would simply like to state that I bell've the current police department should be abolished and rebuilt from the ground up. Resources should be shifted to help citizens improve their lives so the need to be involved with the police is reduced or removed in the first place. We can all do better. Please vote to affect change and not to continue to fund a broken system. Thank you for you time, Mary Brazell

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6/15/2020 14:31	Linda Bass	<p>Dear council members, It is my understanding that you are meeting to decide whether or not to defund the police department. I want you to think for a moment, seriously think...if your son/daughter, grandchild,nephew/niece was kidnapped..wouldn't you want the best trained officers with access to the latest resources to be on the case to find them. And again if you were being robbed at gun point/ knife point in your home what kind of trained officers would you want dispatched to save you from harm. Cutting the budget of an already strained police force is not going to give the community the safety and support that is needed. It is a knee jerk reaction to the violence and shouting of a few people who would complain and riot about anything. Is there a problem...yes. Are there bad police officers...yes. But there are also bad politicians, bad doctors, school teachers. It does not matter what walk of life there are good and bad. The truth is after reading a few words on a page and a half an hour interview you really do not know who you are hiring, from the Harvard business grad you hire as your CFO who embezzles from your company, to the nurse who abuses the patient, to the maintenance tech who takes the company vehicle in the guise of doing a parts run, but goes home for a nap, to the pizza delivery person who fraudulently adds tips to the credit card, to the politicians who say whatever is necessary to get elected but then follows their own agenda instead of the will of the people and yes to the police officer who uses too much force and abuses their authority. So will you also defund the politicians budgets, stop pizzas being delivered and stop nurses talking care of patients because of the few bad people. That does not make sense. Nothing would get done if that was the case. Instead you look for ways to strengthen the systems and weed out the bad. Teach things like respect, honesty, integrity, obedience to the laws and understanding of those who are difference. Put these teachings back in the school and hold people responsible for being good citizens. Before you vote I ask that you seriously do your homework and compare ALL the good that these men and women in blue do to the bad that happens. Put it in prospective. You will see the good far outweighs the bad, the bad is just disproportionately reported. (To which I add as a sideline we need to hold the media responsible). Please I implore you will all the energy of my soul to make a sensible decision and DO NOT defund the police department which will take us on the slippery slope to lawlessness and anarchy. Sincerely Linda Bass</p>

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6/15/2020 14:13	Lorin Hardy	<p>Dear Council Members, I heard the council was considering cutting the SLC Police Department budget due to the latest round of protests. When I first heard it I thought, "no way, our city leaders aren't easily duped by this BLM narrative." I figured that we, the people of Utah, don't have the same crop of weak leadership as Seattle, Minnesota, New York, etc., who have let their cities burn to the ground and completely vilified innocent police officers. Please tell me that isn't the case. Giving into the demands of this mob completely sends the wrong message. If you're even considering this move, please resist. Take a stand against this notion that we have a majority of cruel and racists officers. No evidence shows this to be the case. Of course we have some bad officers throughout the nation, but to punish them all because of a few derelicts makes no sense at all. My guess is that discussion of budget cuts is an attempt to placate protestors and follow the lead of other cities. If this is the reason, you're doing a grave disservice to us all, and sending the worst possible message to our forces. I have no association with any of the police departments in our state, but admire and respect anyone who would put their own life on the line to protect the rest of us. it's sickening to watch states treat their own citizens; those who sign up to serve and protect; like garbage. Please don't make the same mistake. If anything, raise the budget and defend the truth. The truth that we don't have a systemic problem with our police forces, especially in SLC. If you want to get some additional voices on the matter, please check the comment thread on this article (https://www.ksl.com/article/46764702/100s-of-voices-1-message-cries-for-policereform-growing-louder-in-salt-lake). I bell've most sensible Utahns love the police, appreciate what they do and want more of them. it's criminals, rioters and the ignorant who see them as a problem. Thank you, Lorin Hardy</p>

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6/15/2020 14:22	Maggie Burns	<p>Hello, I am a student at Westminster College. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,</p> <p>Maggie Burns</p>

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6/15/2020 14:28	Maggie Kutz	Hello, My name is Maggie Kutz and I am a resident of district 4 in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've that putting money towards training and deescalation does not work. SLCPD already has award winning deescalation tactics but that didn?t stop them from shoot Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal over 20 times. I live one block away from where he was murdered and am reminded everyday that police brutality is all too real and it's People's lives that are at stake. It is the system that is fundamentally flawed and we we need to I'vest in other community led options. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in developing a 311 system or something similar where specialized professionals are called to a non violent scene. This includes funding outside mental health, emergency shelters and resource centers, as well as substance abuse counselors. I also recommend I understand this may not happen over this fiscal year, but it would be incredible to start with some sort of infrastructure like this to build off of in the future. I also recommend putting it towards affordable housing and education. I want to thank you for taking the time to read this and to genuinely consider the public?s opinion. I hope that you hear the pleads of everyone?s messages right now and understand that we are not asking for more training or money being allocated to the SLCPD. Sincerely, Maggie Kutz
6/16/2020 9:13	Mark Tondro	Enough with police bashing. Stand up for your law enforcement and stop pandering to thugs and criminals. How aboutreforming drug addicts and defunding cartels Sent from my iPad

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6/15/2020 14:12	Sophia Green-Baskett	Good early morning, I am not sleeping because the decision to increase the police budget has me so anxious that I cannot bring myself to rest. So I plead with you now to bring me some fraction of peace. My name is Sophia Green-Baskett and I a Student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money that I help to contribute to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because my own mother has worked closely with the SLCPD in the past as a clinical mental health professional and she has told me numerous times that all the efforts and money she sees being funneled into new gear isn't making the change that we need. There are fundamental issues in the force that need to be acknowledged and corrected before we waste anymore tax payer money on the SLCPD. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million back into the community by changing the reputation of Utah?s education system and I'vesting more into children?s programs and mental health services. We don't need more cops or better technology, we need more humanity and a better system. Sincerely, Sophia Green-Baskett Funder of your job.

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6/15/2020 14:15	Joshua Dunn	<p>Councilwoman Valdemoros, My name is Joshua Dunn. From what I can tell, I live in your distract. I?m writing you for a reason you can already guess, to join the many others that have been emailing you requesting that you defund the SLCPD. I?m not referring to any kind of script so I hope you know that I?m speaking out of pure conviction, not just copying and pasting something to feel better about myself. The main argument I hear against defunding the police is 1)reform will work and 2) concerns about who will manage crime if we do defund the police. For 1), I think it's important to remember that police departments (including our own) have been reforming? for years. I don't see individual cops as evil villains trying to murder every marginalized person they see. But ifreforms work, why did they kill Bernardo? Ifreforms work, why did they push that old man over at the first protest a couple weeks ago? Do we truly bell've police officers are so stupid they just forgot how to not be racist or awful? That argument to me is absurd. Obviously, there's something wrong with the institution itself. If you make a recipe and it keeps coming out wrong no matter how perfect and fresh the ingredients, it might be time to consider that there's something wrong with the recipe. You can?t bell've reforms will somehow NOW work if you?re a logical person. Police know they shouldn?t shoot unarmed people, fire rubber (or apparently foam?? Who knows) bullets at protestors, or spread around nude photos of the people they?re supposed to help. They don't need reminding of the difference between good and evil. For argument 2), my answer is that for basically every purpose police supposedly exist, there are just tons of examples and evidence that they (as in, ALL police departments) don't actually do it that well. Everyone knows when you experience a robbery, you tell the cops, and nothing happens. Did cops prevent the murders of Lauren McCluskey? What about Mackenzie Lueck? Does arresting People'solve drug abuse and addiction? Did kicking people out of the rio grande and arresting them over and over solve homelessness? Did police prevent escalation at protests? Do they solve Utah drivers being awful? When I think about these questions, I realize that the police only serve one purpose. They make me, a cisgender straight middle class white man feel safe. That?s about it. Considering all the problems they complicate (and in some cases worsen) I think it's time to have a conversation about how to actually solve each of these problems. If there are truly a couple of issues that are proven by evidence to be best solved by police, maybe we can keep around a few officers and detectives for that. But for the vast majority of problems we have in our city, I?m confident that we can all work together to find solutions that don't involve a vast army of so called protectors. It might be really difficult. But I truly bell've that we can do better. -- Joshua</p>

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6/15/2020 14:21	Jordan Busboom	To Whom It May Concern, Defunding and or disbanding the police won't achl've what we need. In fact, I firmly bell've that it would do the exact opposite. The fact that defunding / disbanding the police has even become a discussion, worries me immensely. So to speak - there are ?bad cops? and there are ?good cops?. I hope you agree with that simple fact. Too often we see the ?bad cops? on social media sit's / internet, handling situations with excessive force and or abusing their power. I want THOSE police men fired. We all want those police men fired. But what about the ?good cops?? The ones you don't see on the internet. Going out in every shift, making a difference. Doing their job in the most honest, respectful and peaceful way possible. They?re our family, our friends. I?m hopeful that the defunding / disbanding of the SLCPD ends as a discussion, nothing more - as I see no logical explanation to execute the defunding / disbanding. Thank you. I appreciate your time and consideration. Jordan Busboom
6/16/2020 11:46	Ryan B	Can't bell've you gave them more funding. Put it up to a general vote if you must. We want slcpd defunded. Remember when they shot that kid 20 times? Remeber the 19 People'slcpd killed in 2018 alone? Utah police kill 20 people per million a year. To put that into perspective, if Disney, for instance, had that rate of death, they would lose 350 people a year, or almost one person every day they were open. Disney is being used as an example here because safety is no. 1 priority in those parks, as it'should be in our cities. They try to keep park deaths at 1 in 100,000,000, a goal you would do well to transfer. Far more police kill civilians in any given year than civilians kill police. This year alone 24 police officers were killed by gunfire in the line of duty. This includes 1 inadvertent casualty (cop on cop). In the past year, 1,033 civilians have been shot and killed by police. These numbers are disturbing at best. If you won't defund them, you need to disarm them. They are a reckless gang, built out of oppression and authoritarianism, and strengthened and fueled by a fake war on drugs. These people are getting killed over shitty drug problems, and mental health issues, and it needs to end. Today. We won't quit this one. We would rather watch our world burn than to live in a world of injustice. Promise. There are better ways. A concerned citizen, Ryan Bick, Utah Native.

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6/15/2020 14:27	Raeschel Hellqvist	Dear City Council, My name is Raeschel Hillquist and I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote.
6/15/2020 14:29	Shawn Steidinger	Dear City Council, My name is Shawn Steidinger and I live in Salt Lake County, and work in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote. Thank you, -Shawn Steidinger

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6/15/2020 17:22	Quinten Monson	Dear City Council, My name is Quinten Monson and I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousands, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote.
6/15/2020 17:21	Ryane McKinnon	Dear City Council, My name is Ryane McKinnon and I live in Salt Lake City- District 3. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote. Thank You, Ryane Sent from my iPhone

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6/15/2020 14:38	Garrett Nichols	<p>I am writing this email today to give you my concern for the city of salt lake and to please consider to NOT defund the police budget. I understand many people are upset with the recent events that have taken place recently in the country and even recently in Salt Lake City. The problem I have with this is that the SLCPD is already under funded and are understaffed. People want a change and want better training and want more of these funds to go to education. Now I am all for education however if the city cuts the funds of the police they will more than likely have to cut the number of officers there are which will result in higher crime rates and especially in the lower income areas of salt lake. This will definitely affect the home life of many of those kids that attend the school . It will also result in a much longer response time for the police when they are called on for an emergency. Better training is always great and if that's what the people think the police need, that is going to cost money. Now as to speaking for the actual police officers themselves they are some of the best I have seen. Just as an example downtown SLC I was at a Maverick getting something inside and some transients were around in the area and they started to make a scene and the police police officer that was there working a part time shift was very polite and respectful when talking to them and was trying to help them and just took the time to be super genuine! I was very impressed and just how normal and nice he was and treated him like a real person. That's is just a small example but I know that the police of SLC are good humans and put their lives on the line every night the protect that city. And all of those officers have families that they need to provide for and cutting the budged would decrease the amount of officers that they could have on the force. Thank you for reading this and let's try to support the men and women in blue that do way more than any of is even realize because at the end of the day you gotta remember the police are there to protect and serve and if you take away from what they already have which isn't when looking at all the other police Depts in Utah they really aren't left with much. Sincerely, concerned resident of salt lake City.</p>

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6/15/2020 14:50	Jake Richins	Hello, My name is Jake Richins and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in [INSERT WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE I'veSTED IN OR DELETE SENTENCE]. Sincerely, Jake Richins
6/15/2020 14:52	Parker Rae Winchester	Hi Dan, My name is Parker Winchester. I am a constituent of yours I attend the University of Utah and am working towards a degree in Elementary Education. I am emailing about last Tuesdays virtual public meeting addressing the proposal of defunding the police department. After the outpour of demands from residents to reallocate \$30 million dollars out of the preposed \$84 million budget for police funding, I am disheartened to hear that you have decided to increase the proposed budget. As a future educator and a human with a moral compass I demand that the increase of funding being moved to the non-departmental budget for the purpose of "more transparency" is reallocated into community building services outside of the police department. I demand no spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. I demand no spending on de-escalation training for police officers. I demand no new hires in the police department this year. I demand that \$30 million dollars from the proposed budget is reallocated into services which actually protect and serve members of our community such as mental health services/counseling, affordable housing, accessible healthcare, and public education. Thank you for listening to my concerns I hope you consider these requests and listen to the voices of your constituents during this time. Sincerely, Parker Winchester
6/15/2020 14:43	PATRICK FLEMING	Councilman Mano, I live in district 5. I am opposed to a blanket de-funding of out SLCi PD. Total defunding is a ludicrous idea. I am in favor of de-militarization, excessive use of force, accountability, etc. Chief Brown is doing a great job. You are a smart person and I expect a very deliberative process in determining how to modify policing in our city. But as a property owner, taxpayer, and SLCi resident I want a safe place to live for my family. I think a lot of the noise to defund is coming from young people, non-property owners, and generally people who don't understand how complex this issue is. Thank you, Patrick Fleming

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6/15/2020 14:51	Mika Lobell	Dear city council, Hello my name is Mika Lobell and I'm one of your constituents. \$85 million dollars is going to the police budget and only \$25 million dollars is going to the community. A lot of crime today comes from systemic issues and the police are forced to act as social workers. I bell've that rel'vesting some of the money allocated to the police budget and putting it back into our community will help to begin to solve the systemic issues the people in SLC are facing and allow police to do their job, not the job of social workers. Best, Mika
6/15/2020 16:09	Monica Ellee	Dear City Council, My name is Monica and I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote.

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6/15/2020 16:43	Nirvana O. Borland	<p>Dear James Rogers, I am a constituent of yours in district 1. I am writing to you to show my support for state-wide policies that mandate our police force to employ mandatory de-escalation techniques training, implicit bias training, and the use of less-than-lethal weapons. I call on you to implement a policy that all on-duty officers wear a body camera that is turned ON at all times. I personally have been out protesting police brutality and I am disappointed to hear that our government is only giving us information on how things are going to be spent instead of defunding the police by 30 million. We demand change. This money is a drop in the bucket for the police department and can be put towards the betterment of the community through outreach programs, mental health facilities, counselors, and school funding. The excessive force that some police officers have been using in order to make arrests is disgusting. I am want to know what steps you are taking to reduce lethal force used within our police department and policies? An increase in body cameras? For what? That has showed us that irresponsible police officers still do not get held accountable for their actions. I am asking for policereform, police accountability and transparency from our lawmakers. I ask again that you would create a ban on knee holds and choke holds as an acceptable practice for police officers. I ask again that your department employ The Use of Force Continuum and ensure that there are at least 6 levels of steps, with clear rules of escalations. I ask that our Open Records Act include police officer misconduct information. I ask that you implement a Citizen?s Review Board in your department to hold departments accountable and to build public trust and confidence. I ask that you implement Recertification Credentials for all officers on a regular basis and ensure that police officers who use unwarranted deadly force or officers who demonstrate explicit racism are denied these credentials. I ask that in the upcoming legislative session, you advocate to reduce the fiscal amount allocated in the state budget to police and to distribute those funds to other community resources such as mental health, education, immigration, transportation, and homelessness. I anticipate a response from you about how you will support these initiatives in the upcoming legislative session. Thank you, Nirvana Ortanez Borland</p>

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6/15/2020 15:27	will walker	me, my family, and my friends do not support any defunding of the police. i strongly bell've we are in the majority but our voices are not being heard because we are not storming city hall or blocking traffic. Any defunding measures are simply giving in to mob tactics with no real time to conduct studies as to how any defunding measures would impact the police, their ability to respond to calls for help, crime rates, and the safety of the citizens of Salt Lake City. This action would be reckless and damgerous without having taken time to carefully study the impacts of such actions. Not to mention allowing the voices of the silent majority to be silenced by the vocal few, several of which have caused lawlessness in our city. This is opposite of what should be done. We need more police, not less. We need strict hiring practices and compensation that attracts the highest quaility candidates, not being forced to hire people that are unfit to do the job. Then we need to provide them with more training, not less. This defunding action is guaranteed to fail if it is not stopped now. Please represent the majority and have the courage to follow the examples set by several cities such as San Diego who refused to defund their police and added additional funding to better train their officers.

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6/15/2020 15:42	Pam Sheppard	<p>Dear SLC Council Members, America, Home of the Brave land of the Free. I have to say I have never in my 65 years in this state been more shamed and in disbelief of where we find ourselves today. To Defund our law enforcement would be the worst mistake we could make. I feel more afraid to live in this state than ever before. In the last two weeks There has been two Home invasions in my town to woman over the age of sixty. I?m considering taking up Arms. I Think we all should seriously consider this AND I HATE GUNS! however, with all this looting and the state of our nation and lack of leadership it is a bad place to be. This country was not built on an eye for an eye. I remember my Husband serving in the Vietnam war. He was spit on called a child killer and told he couldn?t be seen in his uniform. He was drafted and told he would serve. His number was 25. it was so hard to understand Humanity could be this way. AND NOW they are told thank you for your service but it took a long time to get here. This Protesting feels different, America is not the same. I worry if we don't get this right. we will be dealing with Marshal Law and if you don't think the Military will be different to deal with than the Police, Think again. There are some bad cops but we can fix this. once the military is in charge the community will not have a voice. Yes! Black lives Matter as do all lives matter. That is what humanity is. But if we want to talk about equality what about the Indians that are living on Reservations, some without running water. What about a Woman not making the same wage as a man but doing the same Job. How about a Woman who has been dismissed after 25 years because of age? How about a store Manager making more than a Police officer who risk their lives daily? There are Doctors who make mistakes and nurses that have given patients the wrong dosage of medicine. they are still in good standing. I know this happens. There are children that are Hungry. Every day there is injustice. We need to be the change. Work with are law enforcement change rules. Make this a safe place for everyone. We have to have rules and they must be followed. Change comes with Respect and communication and above all leadership that unit's all. Let?s BE THE CHANGE! This is AMERICA. Sincerely, A concerned residence</p>

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6/16/2020 11:54	Troy Cooper	Dear City Council, My name is Troy Cooper. I am a child and family therapist that works in Salt Lake City. I live in the Rose Park area. I am appalled by the number of individuals that have been killed by our police force. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services they have failed us. What the police have been trying for years is not working. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, vote NO to spending money on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. Vote NO to spending on de-escalation training and new police hires for the next year. I want to see a \$30 million budget cut, and redirecting that money to community-building services outside of the police department. Education is a priority in my opinion. Please don't exacerbate an already broken system. It is time to try something new.
6/16/2020 11:58	Yasamin Marashi	Hi, My name is Yasamin Marashi and I am a salt lake city resident demanding a DECREASE in police budget, rather than the over one million dollar increase proposed. Spending money on new technology, body cameras, new hires, and de-escalation training WILL NOT WORK. We must be spending our time and money on legislation to hold police officers accountable. SLCPD needs incrediblereform and defunding in order to truly protect and serve our community. Spending millions of taxpayer's dollars will not bring Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal justice. Holding the people who continue to shoot people like him down accountable is the only way to try to restore what you, the SLCPD, among many other police forces have done. Be an example. Provide resources to your community, not more technology to shoot them down. Pass legislation that protects your community. Yasamin Marashi, a University of Utah student and Salt Lake resident
6/15/2020 15:26	Yesica Medina Gutierrez	Hello, My name is Yesica Medina Gutierrez and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because [INSERT WHATS IMPORTANT TO YOU OR DELETE SENTENCE]. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in [INSERT WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE I'veSTED IN OR DELETE SENTENCE]. Sincerely, Yesica Medina Gutierrez Sent from my iPhone

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6/15/2020 16:03	Zane Brandt	<p>Hello I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, - Zane</p>

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6/15/2020 15:43	Trey Bird	Dear City Council, My name is Trey Bird and I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote. Thank you for reading,
6/15/2020 15:45	Tyler Eldridge	Councilman Rogers, I have been made aware of a proposed increase to Police funding to the tune of \$1,344,394 as a response to recent expression of dissatisfaction with SLPD. This increase is unacceptable and does not have the support of me (your constituent). Please go back to the drawing board and find a better way to spend the proposed \$1.34 Million in tax dollars contributed by my neighbors and I. Thank You,
6/16/2020 10:03	Tess Huntington	My name is Tess Huntington. I am a white home owner in Salt Lake City. When we asked for a budget cut on the police, it wasn't because we wanted better performance from our body snatchers with badges. We don't want you to spend MORE money on an institution that perpetuates slavery. It is A SLAP in the face as a woman and a victim of sexual assault to see that the government is currently spending more money on GOLF COURSES than on women who have suffered an abuse that will forever haunt them. Police can't stop men from raping women and they can't improve diversity outreach. You have almost zero budget for the homeless, yet you would rather hire more police to do what?.... Put them in jail? That is not a solution. Policing is a punitive system that perpetuates a "bandaid" approach to social problems. Crime is A SYMPTOM of a bigger problem, not a character flaw. Thank you for listening and for the efforts you make. Spending more of our money on an archaic institution isn't how you do it.

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6/16/2020 10:05	Hank Mattson	Dear representative, I am writing to demand that the absurdly large amount of money going to the Salt Lake Police department be dispersed into other programs. Homelessness, arts council, and diversity outreach could all flourish with a fraction of the SLCPD budget being diverted their way. Make Salt Lake City a place people want to be in and feel safe in. Advance the arts and culture and help the needy. Delegate non criminal issues to groups equipped to handle them, who already have the training, rather than waste time training ethics and deescalation to police. More technology thrown at them won?t fix the issue. Police do not create a sense of safety for SLC citizens. There are better ways this money can be spent, obviously. Please reconsider them. Thank you! Hank Mattson
6/16/2020 10:06	Ha Le	Dear City Council, My name is Ha Le and I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote. Sincerely, Ha D.H. Le
6/15/2020 16:04	Hannah Harper Hanson	Darin Mano, I live in Precinct 5 and I am writing to you about the City Council?s proposal to increase the budget of SLCPD. I?m sure this proposition was made in reaction to the protests here and around the country. However the actions laid out in the proposal suggest that you and your colleagues have not been listening. More money on body cameras, tasers, and cars will not help. We have examples from around the country proving that technology and de-escalation training will not make our black and brown family and friends safer. Please represent your constituents and defund the police?at the very least start by making a pledge to freeze SLCPD hiring and spending this year. Spend that money on something else?there are plenty of options during a pandemic. Hannah Harper Hanson

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6/15/2020 16:13	Haley Sorenson	Hello, I want to voice that we are NOT okay with the amount of money being spent on the Police budget here. Please consider the safety of your community and it just isn't in the SLPD's interest anymore. We can see that by these shootings (more than the public even knows about - shame on you!) and also by the lack of accountability afterwards. Thank you
6/15/2020 16:15	Hannah Burnham	I am a resident of District 1. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Hannah Burnham

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6/15/2020 16:26	Hope Cooc	Hi, We do not need the police budget to continually go up! This is hurting the community by allowing aggression to build from seeing police with live rounds approach us in situations where they should never be used! You are not hearing the community speak when they say we need this budget to be cut so it can be put to better use. By supporting and funding the community you can help people get the correct help they need without violence or arrest from the police! I do not in any way feel comfortable, as a minority, going out or seeing the police around. The conversations I have with my fellow minority friends are about when we will be killed off by the police for a crime we never committed just because of the color of our skin. I do not feel safe being a minority in a country where police look at you differently and judge you for your every action. If only you had any idea what it is like, but you don't because it will never affect you in the same way it would affect people like me, because of white privilege. Defund the police. Do not defend a broken system where they are killing off my brothers and sisters! Do your part and help the community! Hope Cooc
6/15/2020 16:23	Justice Jellinick	Hello, Councilwoman. I am emailing you today on behalf of your District 4 constituents. We ask that you vote ?No? to an increase in the SLC PD budget and instead work to reallocate funds to public programs. Thank you. Justice Jellinick District Four Resident

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6/15/2020 16:32	Hope Cooc	Please defund the police! They are killing my brothers and sisters at a rapid rate. If you were to defund the police then you can actually make a difference in the community. Actions speak louder than words and by giving back money to the community you can help the people who really need it! We need educators, mentors, safe spaces not more guns and protective gear for the police who will use it to beat us to a pulp and leave us for dead! The police do nothing to help when it comes to people who have mental disabilities or even the ones who are innocent, but killed off because of what one white person said! We?re just another check off your list of colored people to kill! Give back to the community! Help the people who actually need it! don't fund the police because you think they will protect us! They don't do shit! Never have and never will! Police need to have the same amount of training as the rest of us! They should be screened immensely, especially if they are carrying firearms or weapons! Shooting should not be the first reaction to any situation. Stop killing us! Do you have any idea what it is like to live with a target on you at all times? You don't because you are a cis white privileged person who thinks you?re above the law because it has been ingrained into your culture for centuries. This needs to stop immediately and you need to wake up stand with us minorities who only want to feel equal and safe in this county! Hope Cooc

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6/15/2020 16:25	Joshua Harvey	Hello, My name is Josh Harvey and I am a voter and resident in Salt Lake. I am emailing you today to tell you that I do not agree with the proposed 2020-2021 budget for the police department. If you have been following the news recently, you may have seen the phrase Defund the Police going around. Here, I would like to explain to you what that phrase means. Defunding the police does not mean an entire dismantling of the police force. Defund the Police would mean a drastic cut from the police budget, and then a reallocation of these funds into community uplift programs. Many of the issues that our police have to face they are untrained for because the American Policing System has put cops in charge of simply too many responsibilities. For example, cops respond to homelessness calls, they deal with the mentally ill, they are present in mismanaged school, they arrive when drug users overdose, and so much more. However, many of these are systemic issues. The response to homelessness, mentally ill people, mismanaged school, and drug overdoses should not be incarceration or criminalization. Homelessness needs to be prevented, not met with consequences for those who need solutions. Our community needs more affordable solutions for mental health problems; medication, facilities, treatment, and therapy are very expensive for individuals. In the past 40 years, police jurisdiction has expanded dramatically, especially in poorer communities and communities of color. Police presence in these communities is intimidating, and it does not solve issues such as racial and economic disparities from the core of the issue itself. Policereform does not work. Police brutality is still a major issue across the country, even with de-escalation training programs in place. De-escalation training costs millions of dollars every year. In the proposed budget for 2020-2021, Salt Lake wants to add \$322,000 to the budget for de-escalation training. While it is important for cops to learn to handle situations rather than respond to them with violence, the issue comes down to racial profiling. Minneapolis was a city that represented progressive policereform. However, their efforts were ineffective. Take George Floyd's death as proof. Here in Utah, 1.6% of our population is Black and 13% of our population is Latinx. Between January 2013 and December 2019, the Utah police reported (key word reported) that 82 people were killed by police. Of these 82 people, 8 of them were Black. Of these 82 people, 13 of them were Latinx. 9.76% of the people killed by police in Utah between 2013 and 2019 were* Continued 1/2*

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	Joshua Harvey	<p>*Continued 2/2* Black, in a state where only 1.6% of our population is Black. 15.9% of the people killed by police in Utah were Latinx, in a state where only 13% of our population is Latinx. These statistics only represent fatalities, which is only one major issue. In Utah, Black and Latinx people are also disproportionately incarcerated. The Prison Policy Initiative used the 2010 Census to show the number of people incarcerated per 100,000 people in that racial/ethnic group in Utah. Whit's: 367 Latinx: 832 Black: 2711 Native American/Alaskan Native: 1488 These data represent how Blacks are disproportionately incarcerated, along with other minority groups. Felons cannot vote. This is taking away the voice of these minority groups. Public institutions are being defunded, such as schools, hospitals, and libraries, especially in poorer communities. Instead of building back up this dissolving infrastructure, police are introduced into these communities as bandaid ?solutions? to try to fix all of the issues that the failing infrastructure has implemented. By redirecting funds from the police department to these failing infrastructures, the goal is to reduce crime and battle the issue of racial and economic disparities from the root of the issue itself. Research has shown that crime is a response to social conditions. We need to uplift communities to reduce crime. Continuing to cut community building services and introducing intimidating forces will not solve these issues. Defund the Police is a grassroots campaign to uplift communities. So I am asking you, my District Representative, do not increase the Police Budget, but rather consider decreasing it and reallocating those funds to better serve our communities. No spending on body cams, police car technology, or de-escalation training. And no new hires within the police department for the next year. Every additional member requires a salary. I also urge you to cut the budget by an additional \$30 million, and reallocate these funds accordingly. In order to know how to best reallocate these funds, you should reach out to members of the communities these programs would affect most. Thank you for your time, Josh Harvey</p>

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	Matthew Sadauckas	The police do not need any additional funding. In fact, their present funding needs to be dramatically reduced and reprioritized to a department of public safety that is empowered to take care of people in distress. We need an end to coercive, bullying police roaming the streets looking for small problems to turn into large problems. We need compassionate, empathetic, well-trained personnel on call to deal with non-violent disputes, people in mental distress, or suffering from homelessness or substance abuse. We also do not need police to handle moving violations - they do not seem to do much of this anyway as people routinely drive well above the speed limit on city's streets. The idea of closing neighborhood streets to local traffic only, while a great idea in principle, is completely uninforced and people routinely drive these streets block after block at speeds far above the (generally sensible) speed limits. Again, well-trained, unarmed traffic patrols could do this job with far greater safety to the public. While violent crime will unfortunately still be with us, and thereby a need will remain for some small police force, the present incarnation of the police in this country is woefully ineffective at solving most violent crime and nearly completely ineffectual when it comes to property crime. Reprioritize our budget to take care of the least advantaged in our population and we will all benefit from it.
6/15/2020 16:31	Jacob Westwood	Im one of many constituents who reached out to you regarding the coming budget decisions. I requested that you take a massive cut from the police department and put it towards infrastructure, free public transit, education, shelters, and/or libraries. However, you all seem to have misunderstood. I dont want funding going to the police, no matter what. The SLCPD aren't going to magically become better cops if you buy them more equipment and train them better. They're, at best, bullies and, at worst, murderers, through and through, and the only acceptable response from our elected officials, especially following the murder of Bernardo Palacio, is to take away the cops' fancy toys. Make it'so being a cop isn't fun anymore. and fund our teachers and workers and homeless shelters. It makes a lot more sense to give someone in need a place to live than to pay for a gun and give it to someone and expect them to take care of that person in need. While you're at it, make any effort you can to bring the killers of Bernardo Palacio to justice, please.
6/15/2020 16:35	Trevor Bennett	Hello, My name is Trevor Bennett and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the current police department is doing more harm than good. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in public schools, healthcare, and social services.

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6/15/2020 17:25	Taryn Gibb	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,
6/16/2020 10:29	Jessyca Bluemel	I strongly bell've that the money you are proposing to give to the police department would be better used towards social services. it's very disappointing to see that the police have millions when we have school children who are going without meals. Please strongly reconsider how this money could benefit our underserved communities.

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6/15/2020 17:23	Cyan Larson	Hello Mayor Mendenhall and City Council, I am writing to you to defund the police. We are in a pandemic and it is getting worse, so please allocate funds accordingly. Increaseing police budget will lead to more killings and incidents. We are not protesting for "better" police, we are rather protesting for a decrease in police presence. We demand defunding the police now. Do not fund better police car technology. Do not fund de-escalation trainings (because it is obvious the police already do that only for white people). The best way to go about this is I'vest in transformative justice. There are many instances where crime has gone way down because of a decrease in police. Police only protect the wealthy elite, not the people as a whole. There are many court cases and statements that the police are not obligated to protect people, so there is not need for more police. The police are a corrupt system that needs to ultimately be abolished. Defund the police. Do what other cities are doing and disband the police for good. That is what justice looks like.
6/15/2020 21:31	Jessica Rolfe	Hi There, I have reviewed your proposal and your subsequent increased police budget proposal. I am pleading with you to instead I'vest in our communities and alternative approaches. What we are doing right now IS NOT working. It is time we try something different. Police officers do not receive enough training to be handling the situations that they are handling. We are witnessing this time and time again. When will we collectively decide enough is enough? How many more people have to die at the hands of police officers? We the people are tyring to tell you in the only way we know possible. We are protesting, we are calling, we are emailing. We voted you in with the hopes that you would represent us. And we are calling on you, now more than ever before, to do that. I hope you will listen. I hope you are listening. Jessica
6/16/2020 0:36	Tatiana Tyszko	Hello! My name is Tatiana, as a resident of Salt Lake City and the surrounding area I urge you to reconsider increasing funding to the police budget and consider defunding and reallocating instead. I love Salt Lake, its been my home for my entire life. Now is the time to set an example for the rest of the nation, that defunding and reallocating to schools, social work, mental health and the arts can work and will make Salt Lake the incredible city I know it is. Thank you.

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6/15/2020 17:12	David Bass	Council, They watch the streets at night, so you can sleep safe in your homes, catch criminals that would take our sons and daughters. They jump into a lake to save a helpless child, stop intoxicated drivers that could kill our family and friends. They charge in when a reckless citizen begins to shoot, stop murders and rapists that others are afraid of. They do much more and continue to each and every day. Sometimes our men and woman in uniform go tired, hungry, and cold to uphold their oath of this great city. Each day when our police officers go to work they do so knowing that it might be their last. Are you willing to do the same? Defund the police, cut their pay, we don't need the police some citizens say. We don't call the police everyday because they are watching over us from terrors we know nothing about. Stopping them before it breaks out to chaos and law abiding citizens become endangered. Salt Lake City Police needs every dollar and more. Police Officers do jobs that most citizens are not brave enough, or willing enough to make the sacrifices needed. Salt Lake Police is one of the best Police Departments when it comes to de-escalation. Our Police Officers of our great city deserve to be recognized for the astonishing accomplishments they make everyday not torn down. it's appalling how ignorant some citizens have become. The citizens are only allowed that pleasure because of the police. Keep the Police. Keep the justice. Thank you for your time. Very Respectfully, David J. Bass

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6/15/2020 17:17	Amber Tran	I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time.
6/15/2020 18:05	ayla prazen	this increase would be a slap on the face to every single black person and every single person of color in our city, i am against this as are many others, our voices are begging to be heard. Dont make this mistake, this money can be used on so many diffrent things such as education, affordable housing, and accessable health care for our marginalized communities, the list goes on.

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6/15/2020 18:08	Michael Vetter	Hello Councilman Dugan, My name is Mikey Vetter, and I am a constituent in your district. I have been following recent calls for law enforcement reform around the globe, and I know how critical it is for the SLC government to meet this moment with strong policies to improve law enforcement and public safety. I am a senior at the University of Utah, graduating with a BS in Biomedical Engineering with Honors in December. While at the U, I took classes centering around Critical Race Theory, supported the National Society for Black Engineers, the Black Cultural Center, and was involved with student organizing around police reform in the UUPD. I have also taught in the Clemente program at East High School focused on similar topics. I feel my insights and connections to local organizers would be an asset for you and the rest of the city council. I would really appreciate a chance to meet with you and other organizers to discuss potential actions the city council could take to make Salt Lake City a safer city for everyone. I look forward to hearing from you in this regard. Best, Mikey Vetter
6/15/2020 18:19	Mikala Gonzales	Dear Salt Lake City Council, My name is Mikala Gonzales and I have lived in Utah my entire life. I love Salt Lake with all of my heart and it hurts me to see that the council has so blatantly disregarded the heartbroken voices of it's people. We have made it very clear that police reform and redistribution of funds to other aspects of community building are the only things that will satisfy the people. To move more money to SLCPD in the midst of all of these protests is completely disregarding the desires and needs of the community. Please find other ways to use your finding to prevent further issues, rather than finding more efficient and violent ways to "resolve" systemic issues that could have been solved so easily. Sincerely, Mikala Gonzales mikalagonzales13@gmail.com <mailto:mikalagonzales13@gmail.com> 801-888-3157
6/15/2020 18:30	Mikayla Steed	Hello, My name is Mikayla Steed and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the power given to our police force is unnecessary. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in reducing our homeless population and community resources. Sincerely, Mikayla Steed

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6/15/2020 18:39	Sonja Nitschke	<p>Hello, You already know that I am not in Salt Lake City, but I ask that you read my comment. Even though I am not in SLC, you must know that SLC will be seen as a leader in the upcoming weeks, and I ask that you review my input because even though you don't represent me, your actions and your decisions will affect me. From A KSL article: "That approach, which the City Council unanimously approved in an informal vote ahead of Tuesday?s budget meeting, would add an additional \$687,000 to provide all sworn police officers with body cameras, with data and Tasers" I beg you please to reconsider. George Floyd's death occured very publicly. Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal was murdered when the police officer had their body cam turned on. Rayshard Brooks was again murdered by police because he took a taser, categorized as non lethal weapon, ran, and was shot in the back -- again with body camera turned on. This happened Friday, when the police have probably never been under such close public scrutiny. If I may add a personal note: my ex husband was a police officer. I googled his name recently, and he is in jail for assaulting a Black man with his body camera turned on, with a taser. You can read all about it here: https://www.yourconroenews.com/neighborhood/moco/news/article/Prosecution-in-drive-by-tazing-trial-show-14288152.php You can even watch the cam footage in the article. My ex husband is the officer named Kenneth Elmore. You may ask, well that was stupid of them to do what they did with their cams on, but I ask: how many other times did they get away abusing, assaulting people on camera and nobody blinked an eye, so they fully expected to get away with it again? Which scenario do you think is more likely? What will more body cameras solve? What will more tasers? I was at one of your council meetings. You used big words like systemic racism, so I ask you: how do more body cameras dismantle systemic racism? Cam footage to this day has done nothing to keep our Black communities safer. How will more tasers dismantle systemic racism when they are still used to torture people based on their skin color? You said you were committed. Is this the best you can do? Have you chosen to put more money to the police instead of into disenfranchized and marginalized communities? Do these funds for tasers and body cams provide affordable housing, more employment opportunities for the Black community, more health safety measures (especially in context of the Covid-19 which does effect communities of color more than the white community)? I demand more of you. I demand you do better. I demand you take a hard look at your city and ask yourself: will more body cameras do anything but record more murders and instances of police brutality that the public is funding with our taxes? Is this what accountability looks like to you?</p>
6/16/2020 10:44	Katie Shoemaker	<p>YES! Please do all you can to keep our Men in Blue paid and I would be all for them getting paid more! They have a thankless job and arent paid enough. We are so appreciative to the SLCPD! They rock!</p>

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6/15/2020 19:02	Colin Young	I've been on the streets protests with people of color from all over our city. They all talk about mistreatment from the police, the unfairness of the system, and how they feel police are a danger to them. Please do not ignore them. Please take all this funding from the SLCPD and put it towards programs that benefit the social good. Just seven years ago the police budget was \$50 million and, having lived in Salt Lake that whole time and I cannot think of a single reason the police budget should have increased by \$30 million over that time. Police do not need body cameras, they do not need tasers, they do not need military weapons. There need to be fewer police harassing people of color and more money being poured into improving our community. Defund the police.
6/15/2020 19:06	Sarah Ratzlaff	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Sarah Ratzlaff

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6/15/2020 19:08	Ben Engel	I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote.
6/15/2020 19:09	Colin Young	I am writing you again to say that the recently reported budget is absolutely unacceptable. The city council cannot claim to be "hearing" it's constituents and then doing the exact opposite by increasing the police budget. To be explicitly clear: I do not want to increase the police budget to provide them with more body cameras. Body camera footage does not provide any more ability to hold the police accountable for their actions. They can still do whatever they want with impunity and there is nothing we, as a citizenry, can do. Who reviews the body camera footage before it's released? The police do. Whom do we rely to take disciplinary action on the police in case of abuse? The police. The police cannot be allowed to be their own judge and jury and the fact the City Council thinks this is a solution shows that you are completely out of touch. Communities of color do not trust the police, which not an "outreach" problem. it's a problem of unfair systems and mistreatment at the hands of SLCPD. People of color have been protesting in Salt Lake City for 11 or 12 straight days, asking the City Council to take action to protect them. Not one of their concerns has been addressed by this budget. They've taken to the streets, pleading for your help, and you are ignoring and abandoning them. For that you should feel greatly ashamed.
6/15/2020 19:20	Tamsin Clement	I have seen the proposed budget and bell've it is insufficient. The SLCPD needs to be defunded and reorganized to better target individual citizen and community needs. There has been a lot of research and writing about ways this could be done.reforms in police training will not solve these problems. Unless there is serious reorganization and reallocation of MONETARY RESOURCES, nothing in our law enforcement will change.
6/15/2020 19:24	Miranda Madsen	PLEASE RECONSIDER ADDING MORE FUNDING TO POLICE. This money should be used to help those who are being wrongly arrested or put in jail for way too many years. Or to help re-admit those people into society without being forced to go back to crime because they don't have another choice.

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6/15/2020 20:00	Devin O'Donnell	<p>Hello, I am here for a final comment on the budget before it is adopted. First I will express my dismay and then I will get into requests for specific updates. As I mentioned, first is the dismay. I find it absolutely mind boggling that after multiple days of hours long calls to reduce police funding, you have all chosen the exact opposite. They do not need more technology. They don't need more body cams or fancy car stuff. You are correct that they do need re-education and that is a good thing to keep in. It is clear nationwide and even in our own city that body cams do not prevent officers from egregious actions. Body cams did not stop two SLC officers from firing 20+ rounds into Bernardo as he ran away. They do not deserve to have new toys until they can learn to play nice with others first. Ok, now the asks. I would request that no additional funds be granted to the police department. If you have the funds free to give to them, you clearly have funds free that could be going to community programs. The VOA, YWCA, Boys and Girls clubs, education funding, homeless aid, mental health supports. We are trying to work toward not needing police except in the most dire of situations. We need funding added to community services. Providing easier access to higher education is one. More people with access to education can go into industries to help revive communities. If we improved our public education system, people would go into the world with better ability to manage their health, wealth, and civic engagement. Put simply, there are far more things you could do with that money. I am also aware that Utah state law will not allow you to oversee the police department's budget once provided to them. We have no legal way to oversee how that is allocated. The proposed oversight listed currently on the SLC Council page is laughable at best. Stating how there are current accountability process in place... really? If there were good accountability processes, all three of the officers in Bernardo's killing would be fired and arrested by now. We all know the only reason even one of them has reached this point is due to public outcry. Telling us everything is under control when it's simply isn't just wont cut it. We demand lower funding for the police department not more. We demand that they use their CURRENT budget to increase education and training. We demand clear answers on how oversight will be applied and how we will hold current abusers of the system accountable. As one final side note, I think it is utterly despicable that I had to do twice as many hours of training to be a hair stylist than our police officers allowed to carry deadly weapons and "enforce our laws."</p>

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6/16/2020 10:21	Casey Bingham	<p>As a Greater Salt Lake City resident, I feel it is necessary to express my opposition to the new non-departmental budget for the Salt Lake City Police Department. Not only is this increased budget exorbitant, it is combative. Should this budget be approved, it would be a clear display of power-wielding from our local leaders, and their willful ignorance to worldwide pleas for change. Our communities, who deserve and demand more, will not tolerate this. \$687,000 towards police body cameras and tasers. Increasing cameras for surveillance is not a preventative method against police brutality. Body cameras are controlled and used by the police department. The availability of cameras does not ensure that reprehensible or illegal actions taken by police officers will be recorded. The review process of police footage also serves, primarily, to protect the officer(s) in question. A report conducted in 2020 by the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) states that over 43% of NYPD police body camera footage was redacted. Intentional or unintentional misuse of a camera (failing to turn it on or off, etc) decreases the likelihood an officer can be held accountable. Alternative solution: Protect the right for civilians to record police in the state of Utah (see Colorado law passed, HB 15-1290). \$93,000 towards vehicle technology Alternative solution: I'vest in technology for public schools, where the lack of technology is the cause for disparity and long-term educational disadvantages for students, particularly students of color. This disparity has only worsened during the current Covid-19 pandemic, where an estimated 132,000 students in the state of Utah alone did not log on to attend online classrooms or complete online coursework during Utah?s ?Stay Safe, Stay Home? initiative (see Salt Lake Tribune article, published April 21, 2020)*Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Casey Bingham	<p>* continued 2/2* \$322,000 for each individual officer to receive ?enhanced? de-escalation training. A high school diploma or GED is the minimal education requirement to be a police officer. ?Enhanced? de-escalation training is not an adequate substitute for social workers, who have 4+ years of specialized education and professional experience. Alternative Solutions could be one or more of the following: ? Implement new programs requiring the hiring and/or implementation of social workers for situations that call for de-escalation skills. ? Issue complete or partial tuition coverage for officers who are rerouting their career path to earn advanced degrees in social work, psychology, etc. ? Contribute to a number of organizations and groups whose purpose is to educate people about social issues, protect minority groups, or provide a support group for abuse survivors. These organizations include, but are not limited to the Utah Pride Center, the Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Black Lives Matter Utah Chapter, and the YWCA. ? I'vest in mental health resources in the community. ? I'vest in the homeless crisis we see and experience here in Salt Lake City ? I'vest in recovery resources for addicts ? I'vest in progressive education for K-12 ? I'vest in community colleges and universities ? I'vest in efforts to increase the minimum wage ? I'vest in our state?s infrastructure ? I'vest in agriculture ? I'vest in literally anything else except the police - especially during this time Look to the city of Salt Lake, and other cities, where peaceful protesters demonstrated their anger and frustration. Listen to the voices of the Black community, who have peacefully protested countless times in American history, and who are continuing to do so today. Stop allowing these unnecessary, wasteful reforms? to serve as temporary band-aids to the oppression and violence experienced in our country. Read the room,</p>
6/16/2020 11:24	Cooper Klein	<p>The truth of this whole matter is that the police in this state and in this country are getting more funding than the actualessential community resources. We should defund the police and bring the money to schools, shelters, and others. The police do not educate and make sure the next generation gets the education that they deserve. The police also enforce laws that actively oppress people of color as well as the people without homes living on the streets when they can be in shelters living safely. What do you want? Oppression? Or education.</p>

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6/16/2020 11:26	Casey Lewis	I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.
6/15/2020 21:55	Desiree Jones	Do NOT reduce the police funds. Provide them with more funds so they can access the resources they need to function successfully.
6/15/2020 22:01	Elizabeth Borghetti	I live in your district and I have heard instead of DECREASING the budget for SLCPD there is going to be an INCREASE. This unbelievable. Why aren?t we putting money back into the community? Why are we funding and institution that is systemically racist by nature? An institution that punishes those living in poverty and those who need mental health support. Why aren?t we putting money into things that actually make our community safer? Things that help out city thrive in way that makes police obsolete. De-escalation training, implicit bias training, and other things proposed have been proven to no actual work. The police are abusive, cruel, and racists. The police have a reputation for sexual and physical abuse. They police did shit for Lauren McClusky, they murdered Bernardo Palacios, and they continually harass and criminalize those experience homelessness rather than actually helping them. Why are you perpetuating the problem rather that helping with actual solutions? Please vote no in the budget increase. Please speak up for our city. Please use your voice.

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6/15/2020 23:01	Elizabeth Borghetti	Please vote NO. NO spending on body cams, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new hires in the police department for the next year. We demand \$30 million budget cut.
6/16/2020 8:28	Suzanne Timoney	Thank you for all the thought you've put into police funding. Please prioritize training in de-escalation and violence-prevention. Also, consider reallocation of funds from the police budget to mental health and substance-abuse programs. I want to acknowledge that our police were commendable during the riots on May 30, as they remained calm and composed in the face of that anger and rage.
6/16/2020 7:08	sophia johnson	the budget for the slpd should not be increased. money from the department or extra funds should be allocated to social services, reducing the need for "policing" as we know it.
6/16/2020 8:03	Rachel Slade	I would like the council to review the police budget and discuss alternate resources that could benefit from some of the funding currently going to the police, including social programs and other first responders such as mental health professionals and individuals trained in conflict mediation to respond to non-criminal situations such as homelessness and mental health crises in lieu of the police
6/16/2020 8:17	angel collins	If anything the police need more funding for training. I bell've most officer have ptsd and need therapy. I also bell've jujitsu should be requirement. This is a two way street! The public needs education on their rights, laws, police policies, procedures, and officer safety. I bell've the best way to do this is mandatory classes in school. People need to understand why an officer is doing what they trained to do. Not only for officer safety but for public?s safety as well. They need to know their rights. They need to understand the laws. Most people quote things they have heard off of Facebook. And we all know how true those facts can be.
6/16/2020 8:41	Glenda Cotter	Dear SLC Council, Please do not increase funding for the SLCPD. I?m not one who thinks we should defund, and I have met many fine officers working as community liaisons. But the basic structure of police forces is broken and it's time to start thinking creatively about new solutions that create emergency and helping agencies that are not the police. Body cams are also not the answer, as prosecutions are few even when they are in use. Better solutions, not more money. Sincerely, Glenda Cotter Sent from my iPhone

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6/16/2020 8:45	Tom Stillinger	Hi! I'm a 66-year-old white university professor, a homeowner in SLC, a citizen who loves his city. I understand that you have asked for comments about the budget. I'll be brief: I would LOVE it if the slice that went to the police were drastically cut. The functions of the police department should be divided among a number of agencies and institutions. And the militarization of the police with weapons and gadgets and armor and so on should be reversed. We do need well-trained armed officers to protect us--my heart goes out to the family of the policeman who died in Ogden protecting a victim of domestic violence. But armed law enforcement shouldn't be the default response to every problem everyone encounters. The shorter way to say this is: DEFUND THE POLICE. Not entirely (of course). But a lot. Thank you for listening.
6/16/2020 8:40	Zoe Kayton	Chris Wharton, I do not support the proposal to increase the budget for police transparency. Rather than increasing police transparency, we should be directing less money toward the police and more money to social services, where social workers are already highly trained in deescalation and community building. I feel strongly that the police department is not the right department to handle many of the situations that they do, and that if social services were improved, we would not need the police as much. We should focus on defunding, not increasing funding for the police. I say: no spending on body cams, tasers, or police technology, no spending on deescalation training, no new hires in the police department for the next year, and a budget cut.

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6/16/2020 9:04	Tyler Bettilyon	<p>Representative Fowler, While I appreciate your advocacy and support of the movement for black lives, I am writing to inform you that the latest police budget expansions are unacceptable. Expanding the police budget without action to significantly reign in the police with real, independent, civilian oversight will only empower the police further. This move puts the cart before the horse. As a constituent and a voter I am asking you to reduce the police budget and cut the scope of the police mission. The current budget does the opposite, it implicitly expands the police mission by bringing social work under the police umbrella and expands the police's access to technology overall, again implicitly empowering the police. Adding three social workers to the police force ? rather than establishing a new public safety agency staffed by social workers ? is unlikely to solve any of the deep structural issues with the current police force. Instead, these social workers will have to fight an uphill battle working inside a department that is already hostile and dismissive of this kind of work, and effectively nullify their impact. Body cameras can be both tools for oversight and tools for surveillance, but without serious changes to the way police are disciplined this budget allocation will only result in further surveillance capacity. For this expansion of the police budget to result in any substantive change for over-policed communities it must be tied to serious disciplinary policy for officers who violate the law including deactivating or obscuring their bodycam. Expansion of the bodycam system without such oversight will just result in more video's like those of Patrick Harmon and Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal's deaths, without changing anything about the way the police behave. I am pleased about the mandatory deescalation training, but I am pessimistic regarding its impact. Without serious changes to police code and the way police are disciplined, such training is easily ignored by police officers. Instead of mild reform" that amounts to the expansion of the police mission, we must shrink the police mission overall. This means reducing their staff and equipment budget, and reallocating those funds to (new) programs that can really make a difference in community safety. Until we are willing to truly re-imagine public safety and police oversight we will be caught in the same trap we are in now. Regards,</p>

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6/16/2020 9:24	Alborz Ghandehari	I am in council member Mano's district. If you do not know already, there are two petitions circulating that demand you defund SLCPD and rel'vest in communities, both linked in this email. The first goes along with the demands of many community members who are demanding a minimum \$30 million from the police budget to be redirected, and it has over 3400 signatures and counting in less than a week: http://chng.it/ZqRRvw9Bcv The second petition is similar and has garnered over 1600 signatures and counting: https://www.change.org/p/salt-lake-city-council-defund-the-slc-utah-police?source_location=topic_page Given last week's call-in and packed city council meeting, these petitions show again that thousands of people in Salt Lake City bell've the budget needs to be shifted. We urge you to listen to us and grant this necessary change for our communities.
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6/16/2020 10:22	Russell Malone	Good Morning, This email is just to notify you that as part of the silent majority we will remember that if you defund the police we will respond on the next election. We realize there are changes that should be made with the police force. However, cutting funding because protesters make more noise and disrupt the public is wrong!! Better training and better pay will actually help eliminate the issues. Russ M.
6/16/2020 10:06	Sandra Gonzalez	Hello, My name is Sandra Gonzalez and I am contacting you regarding the increase in the police budget. I do not want this spent on body cams, tasers, police technology, de-escalation training, or new hires. I demand a \$30 million budget cut. If there is an increase we will continue protesting and sending emails until the budget is cut. This is the exact opposite of what we wanted and it is unacceptable spending.

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6/16/2020 10:08	Sophia King	I am a resident of Salt Lake City and I would like to say that I strongly oppose the increase in funding for SLPD and would urge you to listen to the people of Salt Lake and what they would like to do with their tax dollars. I would ask that you DEFUND the police and rel'vest our money in mental health services, housing, education, and social services. Please, LISTEN to us. You are clearly disregarding so many voices by proposing greater funding for police officers. MORE TRAINING FOR POLICE WILL NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM.
6/16/2020 10:10	Ayoon Lee	I am a student Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the
6/16/2020 10:21	Russell Ballou	James Rogers, My name is Russell Ballou. I am a second year law student at the U, and a home owner in rose park. (612 N American Beauty Dr) I was motivated to go to law school because of my desire to participate in the public service sector and I feel as if I understand the current situation better than a lot of other protesters I have been standing next to. I do not want to abolish the police. I DO want to significantly reduce their budget. SLCPD has spent thousands of dollars in just the last few weeks flying helicopters over peaceful protests as a scare tactic. This is Salt Lake City, not Baghdad. Our swat teams may need the technical tools. But in no way do all of our officers need to be equipped with such heavy weaponry. It is a scare tactic and a ploy that has been lobbied by defense contractors for decades and it needs to end now. I strongly urge you to listen to YOU constituents. Not the news. Not the higher level local officials. But the people you represent. We don't want that in Rose Park. Please, do NOT vote in favor in any police budget that is not reduced from the mayor's original budget. If the counsel doesn't listen to the people, who polls show are with the protestors, they are asking for unrest. Please help be a part of the solution. Our cops have money. Put the money in the schools where it can do something besides feed the prison industrial complex. Thank you, Russell Ballou
6/16/2020 10:36	Reed Fanning	Demilitarization is a must. Do not increase their budget. Reduce the budget. Reed Fanning
6/16/2020 10:21	Marie Juarez	and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I am disgusted with what's been happening around not just this year, but throughout history. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in the school district, firefighters, andessential workers in the area.

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6/16/2020 10:23	Jeff Dempsey	I'd like to strongly urge you to reconsider any budget and/or personnel increase for the Salt Lake City Police Department in your 2020-21 fiscal year budget. Over the past few weeks you've heard from hundreds of your constituents and the message has been clear: the police department is not serving the community, and for many, it never has. The current moment demands bold action, not the status quo. If ever there was a time to reimagine what policing looks like, now is that time. You have the will of the people behind you. it's time to take a stand and show you deserve the public's trust.
6/16/2020 10:23	Chris Panuzio	I am 19 years old, an English/Political Science student at Westminster College, and a resident of Sugarhouse and District 7. I know how challenging the past 3 months have been for the city for obvious reasons (coronavirus pandemic, 5.7 magnitude earthquake, and the riot on May 30), and I know that these challenges are especially difficult for our newly-elected mayor Erin Mendenhall. Erin was the first person I've ever voted for in a general election, as I assumed her 6-year experience on the city council would be a tremendous asset for our city. Obviously nobody could have anticipated the events that have unfolded in the first half of this year, and I commend Erin, yourself, and the rest of the council for how you have dealt with two of the aforementioned challenges. However, the reason I am reaching out to you today is in regards to the city's mishandling of the the killing of an innocent citizen and the blatant police brutality it has spotlighted, ironically occurring just two days before the death of George Floyd sparked a movement. I?m sure that yourself, along with rest of the council and Mayor Mendenhall, trust our police department, however I also hope that the video of the killing of Bernardo has made you all question that very trust. To make a long story short, yourself and the rest of the city government have listened to your constituents, and instead of taking our advice, you instead did the exact opposite by increasing the police budget. I understand that your intentions are in the right place, however there is evidence that the measures that are being put forward are ineffective, as other major cities across the country have implemented similar measures with little to no results. Please, please do not repeat their mistakes, we cannot afford to lose another live to police brutality. The very presence of the SLCPD puts the lives of POC at risk, and this as well is backed up by evidence. I'vest in community-driven resources, such as social services that can act as alternatives to policing. As much as I?m sure you do not want to here this, our police department is not immune to the systemic racism and brutality of other departments nationwide. So again, decrease this budget and reallocate it to local social services. It is time to rethink public safety, and defunding the police is a start. We as a city will never progress if we aren?t willing to take bold action and give this a try.

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6/16/2020 10:31	Sara Lamb	Please do not defund the police. Utah is one of the safest states and it is due to our law enforcement. These officers risk their lives every single day to protect Utah citizens. SLC has improved its safety and cleaned up in the last 5 years, I feel safe going downtown to dinner at night and walking around. If you defund the police and cut back no one will feel safe and will not go downtown. The police officers deserve our loyalty - I would recommend increasing their budget to improve training. Incentivize good police officers - if they are looked down upon and not backed up by their citizens and city, why would anyone ever want to be part of law enforcement?

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6/16/2020 10:25	Goldin Fillmore	<p>with a mix of feelings, weighing heavily on disappointment about the direction of the decisions you and the rest of Salt Lake’s city council have made about how to respond to the demand to divest from the police budget. I see that there are motions being made that I bell've are necessary directions in which to move, but to that end, the steps you have taken thus far, are shamefully ineffective. And albeit you have chosen some courses of action that seem to look in the direction of health and wellness for our communities, I am woefully disappointed that you have chosen, somehow, despite the outpouring of support for our city to defund and divest from policing as it exists, to increase our already obscenely high police budget. To be clear, reallocating funds to non-departmental funds and then still spending them and MORE on the SLCPD does not help or I'vest in our communities, and it is not missed as an increase to money that benefits the police. I see that you have moved to I'vest just over 1 million dollars into services that would benefit communities of color, and for this, I am glad. But this is not enough. Martin Luther King Jr is quoted as saying that “Budgets are moral documents”, and to that effect, it would seem that we are morally destitute if we are willing to spend 84 times the amount on policing than we are on I'vesting in communities of color. Beyond moral documents, our budget is a clear indicator of where our priorities lie, and I'vesting just over 1 million dollars into our communities of color, while allocating more funds to buy the police force tasers and de-escalation training is a slap in the face to the many refugee, indigenous, Latinx, black and other families and communities of color that live in our city. De-escalation trainings have failed nationwide to bring down the number of wrongful deaths committed by the police. Do you know that police kill more people in our country, by a really staggering margin, than any other country in the western world?</p> <p>(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_killings_by_law_enforcement_officers_by_country) Do you know that Utah has the highest per-capita killings of black people by police in the ENTIRE country?</p> <p>(https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/interactive/2020/05/mapping-police-killings-black-americans-200531105741757.html <https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/interactive/2020/05/mapping-police-killings-black-americans-200531105741757.html>) These local figures do not include indigenous or Latinx folks, who are also disproportionately targeted and attended to by our police department. This is very clearly a problem in how policing functions as a whole in our entire country, and our department is not exempt. That said, we need clear and thorough data and information on all police interactions if we are ever going to get a clear picture of how our police force functions. We need thorough and regular reporting of all violent incidences of</p>

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6/16/2020 10:16	Jennifer Ortiz	<p>Dear Councilman Wharton, I am writing in advance of tomorrow's city council meeting to implore you and our other council members to reconsider the full budget allocated to our city's police department and reallocate a large percentage to much needed city's social services and programs. As a new resident of the Marmalade, I've enjoyed seeing how folks have come together in peaceful protest in our district, gathering at the Capitol and ensuring their voices are heard, that Black Lives Matter, and that police brutality is something our community can no longer stomach. In light of the protests in our community and across the nation, I urge the council to do the right thing. I know our city, like many cities, will not allow for a defunding of the police, but what can we do immediately and moving forward to ensure our communities are safe without excessive policing. Defunding police departments is not a foregone concept and frankly one that we all should be exploring more of moving forward. Below are some thoughts: 1. Taking a percentage of the \$30 million allocated towards the SLCPD and reallocating it to non-police department programs geared towards social services--on the ground mental health professionals (police cannot and should not be burdened with this), community safety programs run by representative community members, full funding of after-school programs, summer camps and other programming for Youth. 2. No more funding for de-escalation training/alternative training for police. This training has not historically worked and we continue to see police violence and brutality happen despite these trainings. Until the cult of authority is abolished, training just doesn't work. I hope the council is listening and making meaningful movements towards change. Respectfully, Jennifer Ortiz</p>
6/16/2020 10:17	Izabelle Garza	<p>Hello, My name is Izabelle Garza and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because my brothers and sisters of the African American community deserve justice to be found. My ancestors deserve peace. They did not fight all of these painful years for nothing. Please look into this and find it in your hearts to change. NO JUSTICE NO PEACE!! Sincerely, Izabelle Garza</p>

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6/16/2020 10:20	Jack Rhinehart	To mirror my wife's sentiment, I want to write to you to let you know my disappointment in additional or even flat funding of the SLC Police Department. The timing seems ripe for a real change when Salt Lake is making national news for police brutality that highlights the systemic problems ingrained in our current police system. Having come from Buffalo, NY where the police have publicly shown their brotherhood over the community they serve I feel that Salt Lake has an opportunity to reallocate budgets in a meaningful way to meet the real needs of the people it'serves and address problems where they stem. We don't need more over-policing we need to address societal problems at their base root. We need to stop defunding our community where it matters to inflate an increasingly militant style law. I would like to see you stand for the people you serve and advocate for real change by putting an inflated police budget towards the real problems in our broken system, so maybe our own children don't have to witness the inequity of the society we are faced with today. Thank you, Jack Rhinehart
6/16/2020 11:24	Abriel Gardner	I'm writing to you to reconsider the 2020-21 general fund budget increase of 1.3 million dollars earmarked for the police department. The US police system is deeply flawed and we need to rethink the possibilities of this system. As a black person born and raised in Salt Lake City Utah I have witnessed countless accounts of racism. Especially by the police. I remember being a young child driving around with my dad (who is black) and him getting pulled over. I was too young to fully understand what was going on but I knew that his situation could end up deadly and immediately started crying out of fear and panic. As city council members you have the opportunity to make real change. To save real lives. To make a better future of all of us. We need change. And you have the power to do that. Reconsider where this money could go. We need Funding for crisis hotlines, mental health de-escalation, social workers, education, and public housing. We deserve better. We deserve to feel safe and protected. We need positive community engagement. Please do not add to this budget. Please.

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6/16/2020 10:21	JAIN WILLIS	Dear Salt Lake City Councilmembers, As a proud resident of Salt Lake City, I have been so impressed by the mostly peaceful interactions between police and protestors these past few weeks. However, I have also been so shocked to see police with large military vehicles, covered in armor, with more protective equipment than the medical staff battling the pandemic we are facing. The few times I have personally interacted with the police in this city have not been happy interactions. They were not happy or polite or kind, nor violent. The only word I can think of is hostile. This is for pulling over a young woman whose vehicle's registration had been expired for a few weeks or for reporting a theft. I ask that as you vote on the city's budget, you also move to take the following steps: -Commit to reducing the police department's budget over the long term, with the goal of reducing it as low as state law allows -Remove police from schools and other public institutions and spaces -Remove police from health care and social services--let the experts handle these spaces -Stop applying for and accepting state or federal funds for police or police equipment -Increase funding for housing, health care, education, employment, and income support Reducing the burden on police will make our community safer for all of us. Thank you.
6/16/2020 10:23	Jan Hendrickson	I am wringing this email because I feel as though you guys are folding to politics. I absolutely believe that there are bad officers out there but for the most part are underpaid, under appreciated and over worked. I don't disagree that some different training may be a good thing, anything we could do to prevent the death of one of our officers is a good thing. I'm so concerned that we will start giving up practices one piece at a time until slowly we no longer have a police department. I think a better idea is to train the people our officers are coming in contact with. I am so sick of hearing the black population on tv saying "We have to teach our kids how to act when an officer approaches them?" I'm sorry but what is wrong with teaching them respect for all authority all the time? I'm old but we were taught to respect all authority or suffer the consequences. We live in a time now where this entitlement generation has zero respect for anyone and that is what gets them in trouble. That goes for all races. I think there should be a law where if the person being approached by the officer, resists tries to escape, or pulls a weapon, the punishment is harsher, kind of like fines double in construction zones. I really think every person who has a hand in making decisions on what is going to happen to our police department, should be required to spend a month on the force, up close and personal and on the job, with these amazing people that get up everyday to go out and protect us at all costs. Maybe if you see what they have to go through and how they put their lives on the line everyday, you may have a change of heart. A better idea is to do something about this younger generation that respects nothing and expects everything. Jan Sent from my iPad

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6/16/2020 10:48	Jayne Jensen	Dear Mayor Mendenhall & City Council, I write this letter to you with deep disappointment regarding how the Salt Lake City Police Department has been treated over the past few weeks since the protesting and rallies began. It is ridiculous to think that our government would even contemplate any sort of defunding of the police. You all are supposed to be responsible stewards of the city and do your homework before making decisions on behalf of the city. However, your recent actions don't reflect that. While what I am about to say next is directed at the Mayor I do feel it is important for the rest of the Council to hear. Mayor Mendenhall ? I went back and watched for a second time the press conference the day after the riots took place that Saturday. Not once did you show an ounce of gratitude for our SLCPD and the work that they did in trying to protect the city and its people. Instead you began by asking if anyone saw any extreme acts by police to report it. How about the extreme acts against our officers? How about the 21 officers that were injured on the job that day, doing their job protecting our city? I also watched for a second time the press conference after the body cam footage was release a couple of weeks ago from the shooting involving Carbajal. You stated that as a mother and sister your heart goes out to his family and again it felt like you were not being unbiased in the slightest. Let me ask you this ? As a mother and sister did your heart go out to any of the 21 officers and their families on they day they all were hurt in the line of duty? Did your heart go out to the officer that was hit in the back of the head with a baseball bat, or the officer that had his hand shattered, or how about the office that took a pipe to the wrist, or how about the officer that was hit in the leg with a valve cover and took an object to the head causing him to have a concussion? Did your heart go out to any of the officers on duty during these protests that were being spit on, having a variety of harmful objects thrown at them all while having to continuously hear the words ?F__ the Police?? *Continued 1/3*

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	Jayme Jensen	<p>The answer, plain and simple is no, you showed zero care, zero emotion and zero gratitude for anyone in law enforcement?.zero care for the SLCPD, your employees. Instead, you stayed silent until several weeks later when you sent an email to these brave men and women of the SLCPD with a weak and meaningless thank you for their service. It was not heartfelt at all and quite frankly it was two weeks too late. You might find yourself asking how do I know some of these details. Well, I know because my partner is an officer of the SLCPD, one that was injured that terrible evening. In fact, I watched it play out on tv including seeing him pulled from the front line by two other officers when he was hurt. It was terrifying and yet despite working a double shift that day and everything he faced that night, he worked from home the next day taking non-emergency calls. He returned to the protest lines Monday afternoon continuing to do his job, protecting and serving this great city, no questions asked. There have been many sleepless nights for both of us in the past few weeks. We agreed when he signed up for this job that we knew the risks and would be committed 110%. He wears that badge with great honor and is an amazing officer. However, there is now a fear, bigger than before that faces our family every day. A fear for him of not knowing what might happen with each call he responds to because the police are so hated right now. A fear for me and our family of what could happen to him or any of us because he and all the other officers are so hated. So many officers around the greater Salt Lake area have received threats and yet nobody is talking about what can be done differently to protect them and their families. The actions of one bad officer most certainly don't mean that they are all bad. There are more good officers than not, but somehow that has been forgotten. It is people like you in government that are not helping this situation. The cry to defund the police is shameful. The SLCPD doesn?t even have enough money in their current budget to do their jobs properly and stay safe. From a fleet of vehicles constantly in disrepair, to paying for plenty of their own equipment, to being told that they cannot receive rifle plates for their bullet proof vests because there is not enough money in the budget. Something that could save their lives and there is no money for it. The fact is that they are only providing them to the new recruits right now because there isn't budget for them.*Continued 2/3*</p>

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	Jayme Jensen	<p>*Continued 3/3* So I ask, when you have less officers because funding has been cut who is going to answer the floods of calls that come into dispatch every single day. Who is going to respond to the victims of domestic violence, who is going to respond to the child that got shot during a drive by shooting, who is going to respond to the robberies? Who is going to put their lives on the line to save others? The current staff can?t even keep up with the amount of calls that come in each day. it's ok though, you keep listening to the people that don't do these officers jobs. The ones that think that we should defund the police and go to community policing. Let?s see where it gets us. Do you think for one minute they are going to deal with dead bodies, drugs, gang activity and domestic violence? I think not. As you think about that plan how about you let go of having your own security detail provided by SLCPD, I?m sure you will have no problem in protecting yourself, right? Yes, there is are issues in the nation that need to be addressed. However, there are so many things here in Salt Lake City that the SLCPD do right. There can always be more training and there'should be. I hear talks about recruiting more diversity for the force. Yes, every employer can use more diversity. However, SLCPD tries to recruit diversity, but when you only pay officers \$21 per hour with mediocre benefits it is hard to see anything attractive about that. Our family most certainly can?t live on that. We are just fortunate that I have a good paying job that allows him the opportunity to do something he loves. People don't get into law enforcement to make money, but that doesn?t mean that you can get away with paying them minimal to risk their lives. They do it because they want to make a difference in their communities?.they are passionate about helping people?.they want to help provide a safe place for all of us to live. In turn the least that can be done for them is to pay them a meaningful wage, provide better benefits, more equipment to keep them safe, and unlimited training opportunities. All things that provide them with the opportunity to protect and serve our city as people expect. I, along with many others ask that you better fund the police. Provide something better for those that protect and serve this great city of ours. They are truly a group of amazing, dedicated men and women. They deserve better. Respectfully, Jayme Jensen</p>
	laurel hiatt	<p>im on my honeymoon and dont have resources for a robust response but if y'all give more money to police for body cams and other ineffective nonsense instead of using that money to l'vest in the community and make an actual improvement to the city you represent you will never hear the end of it from me and other people you represent</p>

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6/16/2020 10:33	Ann Brady	Dear council, I invite you to imagine a world of freedom and support that we want to live in. Reduce the asks on the police and solve homelessness and mental illness with other means than criminality, social workers and programs. Shift the budget. it'should not be illegal to be human and peaceful People'should not be met with violence. We know it's worse if you're black or poor or different. Require deescalation and eliminate the allowed use of deadly force by local law enforcement. Please demilitarize the police, no tear gas or rubber bullets, remove violent police officers, ban the use of violent techniques, and prosecute actions as if they were any civilian, because they are. Shift the budget and increase accountability. This is a time for action. Get the data and make the changes. Create a better world with your office of freedom, equality, and peace.
6/16/2020 10:36	Pam Peterson	To whom it may concern, Please keep Our Police Force funded! We need and want them. Make some changes if needed. But we value Officers and WANT Them to Protect Us! Thanks, Pam Peterson Sent from my iPad
6/16/2020 10:41	Alexandra Engel	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've that police brutality is ruining our community. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in programs for homelessness, air quality and mental health. These things are time sensitive issues that effect everybody in our community.
6/16/2020 10:38	Allison N/A	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-21 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday?s vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million ? specifically, I demand NO spending on body cameras, tasers or police car technology, NO spending on de-escalation training, and NO new police hires for the next year. These funds should be redirected to community building-services. This is important to me because I have seen how police brutality and police murder traumatize and destroy families and communities. We need solutions that fit the problem, NOT intimidation and violence ? redirect these funds to bolster mental health services and I'vest in our community.

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6/16/2020 10:42	Nathan Barone	<p>If you and your colleagues have any doubts about the efficacy of dismantling or defunding our PD, look at Camden, New Jersey. Once considered one of the most dangerous cities in the country, their crime rate has dropped 42% since they dismantled and rebuilt their public safety system seven years ago. In firing and rehiring their police, they dropped their costs from \$182,168 to \$99,605 per officer. They also busted up the union that led to lack of accountability between officers. it's these unions and their cultures of sweeping misconduct under the rug that have a huge role in allowing heinous police behavior to continue. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Please follow in the footsteps of Camden and Minneapolis in dismantling the department, or at least follow the LA and San Francisco models of defunding. It will be better for the greater whole. Thank you for your time, Nathan Barone</p>

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6/16/2020 10:45	Janel Shields	From: janel <dtrjanel@gmail.com> Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 at 6:14 PM To: "Nikola, Lindsey" <Lindsey.Nikola@slcgov.com> Subject: (EXTERNAL) I don't want to see our police defunded. Hello Lindsey, I understand you are the Director of communications for Mayor Mendenhall. I'd like to just share my thoughts with you. I support our SLC police force! We have a wonderful responsive team of officers! I am so grateful for all that they do for our cities and communities in Salt Lake and surrounding areas! I'm asking the council to consider my "voice" heard in this matter. Please don't defund our police. I could see funds assigned to more training. We may have issues but I don't wish to see them weakened. It makes more sense to help them be strengthened and supported. They put their lives on the line for all of us. I wish to keep our communities safe!! I bell've the police do this! I support our front line defenders!! Thank you so much for reading this. Janel Shields 801-708-2297
6/16/2020 11:10	cristina vigil	if you defund the police, then you need to cut your wages to pay for the police I support all men and women who are protecting us!
6/16/2020 10:51	Brian Hessing	Although is clear there are some problems, it's clear that the last thing we need right now is to decrease the funds towards our police!

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6/16/2020 10:46	Peter Scott	<p>Dear Council Member Valdemoros, As a person of faith, I bell've police violence and brutality against black men and women must end now, particularly in light of the tragic and senseless recent killing of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and so many others. Police violence and systemic racial injustice is tied to America?s original sin of racism and the abhorrent legacy of white supremacy. The time for boldreforms that ensure equal justice under the law extends to everyone is now. As your constituent and a person of faith, I am asking you to do away with policies that lead to the unequal treatment of and violence against black, Indigenous, and people of color and adoptreforms drawn from evidence-based recommendations in the Task Force on 21st Century Policing Report <https://cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/taskforce/taskforce_finalreport.pdf> , Campaign Zero <https://www.joincampaignzero.org/#vision> , and more. Specifically, we call on mayors, local officials, and local police precincts to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Ban chokeholds and neck restraints in all cases* Require officers to de-escalate situations when possible, eliminating or reducing the need to use force* Require officers to give a verbal warning before shooting* Require officers to exhaust all other alternatives, including non-force and less-lethal force options prior to resorting to deadly force* Ban shooting at moving vehicles* Require officers to intervene and stop the use of excessive force by other officers* Establish a use of force continuum that restricts the most severe types of force* Require officers to report each time they use force or threaten to use force against civilians. <p>Every city'should adopt these policies immediately. Furthermore, we call on you to begin the process now to reimagine public safety by rel'vesting city budgets in programs that expand and enhance restorative justice programs, provide alternatives to incarceration, demilitarize the police, provide crisis intervention and de-escalation training, increase community engagement, and expand holistic collaborative services. The time is now to finally fix this broken system, locally and nationally. Sincerely, Peter Scott</p>

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6/16/2020 10:48	Camille Morgenstern	<p>I am a constituent of yours. I attended the University of Utah where I majored in International Studies and am currently working at a law firm here in Salt Lake. I am emailing about last Tuesday's virtual public meeting addressing the proposal of defunding the police department. After the outpour of demands from residents to reallocate \$30 million dollars out of the proposed \$84 million budget for police funding, I am disheartened and frustrated to hear that you have decided to increase the proposed budget. This isn't coming from a place of hatred of the police and law enforcement, but an acknowledgement and understanding that the institutions of policing and law enforcement in this country are inherently cruel and racist because of their racist roots that hearken all the way back to slavery. The police have become "the New Jim Crow" to quote Michelle Alexander, because it is this country's newest iteration of a system of oppression for people of color [source]. Look at the facts, at the data. It is undeniable, and unequivocally WRONG and advisors during the Nixon and Reagan eras OPENLY ADMIT IT [source][source]. Let's be honest: the police are not about keeping communities safe, otherwise they wouldn't spend valuable time and resources on nonviolent arrests and crimes; they are about policing and controlling people of color. And Utah is the worst of all 50 states?black Utahns making up 1.06% of the population, yet somehow 10% of police killings in the last seven years. [source] As a student of social sciences and humanities and a human with a moral compass, I demand that the increase of funding being moved to the non-departmental budget for the purpose of "more transparency" is reallocated into community building services outside of the police department. I demand no spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. I demand no spending on de-escalation training for police officers. I demand no new hires in the police department this year. I demand that \$30 million dollars from the proposed budget is reallocated into services which actually protect and serve members of our community such as mental health services/counseling, affordable housing, accessible healthcare, and public education. Thank you for listening to my concerns. I hope you consider these requests and listen to the voices of your constituents during this time.</p>
6/16/2020 10:50	August McCann	<p>By committing financial resources to a system that wages war on the people it's meant to serve, you are standing in solidarity with them. Bernardo's blood is on your hands. This is embarrassing. Do better.</p>

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6/16/2020 11:00	Laura Moreno Lopez	Hello, My name is Laura Moreno and I am a resident of west valley city Utah Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the community needs more money recourses to things that will help the community. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in mental health and helping more POC communities Sincerely, Laura Moreno Sent from my computer
6/16/2020 10:57	Madeline Smith	Hi SLC City Council members, I've sent a few emails, but just came across some more information that might be helpful when making decisions on the city budget. I think you and other council members have probably been hearing and reading "defund the police" a lot in the past few weeks. This idea seems so radical to some, but really we have been defunding other departments, like education, for years! When talking about defunding the police I think it is beneficial to look at a city that actually has defunded their police department and see what effects it has had on their city. Camden, NJ was one of the nation's most dangerous cities. In 2012 Camden's murder rate exceeded the murder rate of Honduras, which was the most violent county that year. Camden also had a very high unemployment rate, low graduation rate, prevalent drug use, and a high crime rate. Camden decided to do something about this. They fired every single police officer. New psych tests and requirements were issued in order to be re-hired. The use of force policy was revamped with input from the ACLU and academics. Their de-escalation training focused on firing their guns as little as possible. Camden involved and engaged their community in this process which led to humanization on both sides to occur. During this time cost per officer was reduced from \$182,168 to \$99,605 each which allowed funds to be reallocated to communityreform efforts. Thosereforms in turn boosted the economy and \$8 million was used to rehabilitate abandoned buildings that were high drug dealing areas. Over time change happened. Brutality numbers started to decrease, solved rates in murder cases increased from 16% to 61%, and crime was lowered by 40%! Last year there were only 3 excessive force complaints against the Camden police department. Camden is far from perfect, and still has a high crime rate for the size of the city, but so much good was done by throwing out a broken system and starting fresh. I am not saying that SLC needs to fire every officer and start fresh (even though I don't think that is a bad idea) , but I do think that the SLCPD budget needs to be cut by at least \$30 million and that tax money needs to go to the community. Thank you for your time. Madeline Smith

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6/16/2020 11:05	Madeline Smith	I'vest in other resources that would benefit our community. Instead of defunding the police department City Council wants to increase their budget!? I understand that the increased budget is for "more transparency" but policereform has proven time and time again to not be effective. Look at Minneapolis, that police department has been reforming" for the past 3 years! That has not made enough of a difference in police brutality or been effective in keeping that community safe, especially from their own police. Research has consistently shown the the most long lasting and cost effective way to reduce crime is to I'vest into community, into resources and services that benefit the community. If \$30 million is cut from the police department SLC could hire 235 new school teachers and give all teachers a 20% raise. Or with \$30 million SLC could provide rent relief for 24,291 months. Or with \$30 million SLC can provide medical insurance for 5,530 individuals or 2,140 families. Or with \$30 million SLC could give 333,333 residents free therapy sessions! Or with \$30 million SLC could feed residents 2.3 million meals, or 6,322 meals per day. ALL of these are better ways to spend and I'vest in our community. Please do not vote to spend any more money on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. Please do not increase the budget for de-escalation training. Please do not hire any more police officers for the next year. PLEASE CUT THE POLICE BUDGET BY \$30 MILLION AND I'veST IN RESOURCES AND SERVICES THAT WILL BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITY. Increasing the SLCPD police budget is not what is best for our community and I think you know that. Listen to the people you are representing. Do what is right. I trust that you will listen and vote to help your community. Thank you for your time. Madeline Smith Hi James, My name is Madeline Smith and I live in district 1. I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE! These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City

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6/16/2020 11:16	Brittany Peterson	and I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousands, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. Furthermore, we demand that the community be involved in decision-making regarding the procedures, practices, and laws designed to PROTECT our families, friends, and loved ones. Areform is needed, and it is rooted in the COMMUNITY. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote.
6/16/2020 10:59	jennifer pro	PLEASE DO NOT DEFUND OR REDUCE BUDGET. We need the funds for GOOD police officers that are paid a good wage. We need to focus on vetting our officers more, better training and removal of officers who have proven not fit for the job. Being an officer is a PRIVILEGE not a right.
6/16/2020 11:06	KaraLee Moss	Hello, My name is KaraLee, I was born and raised in utah and I am a resident Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also DEMAND that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year!!!!!! We have enough already and they DO NOT HAVE ADEQUATE TRAINING to PROTECT US. They seem to be trained to harm us before helping us! More police should trained for 2yrs or more! WAY LONGER then 542 hours. This is important to me because it affects everyone and we could be helping I'vest in our communities so much more!! I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in helping our : HOMELESS get off the street, we can find ways to help them be contributing members of our community and economy. When people from out of town visit me they alway comment on how many misplaced people we have. Our SCHOOLS need way more funding. it is sad to see how much teachers have to provide from there own pockets etc!! We can and should do better for the next generation! Sincerely, KaraLee

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6/16/2020 11:14	Cheryl Anna Sherman	I am a resident of . I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.
6/16/2020 11:37	Laura Gomez	To Whom It May Concern; Please explore options about stricter standards and compromise between our values police officers & those complaining. They need to know they matter, we also need protection in the event of an emergency. Not all people are good, not all people of color are bad. Who comes to the table to discuss such matters? Whose opinion matters at this point or time? Laura Gomez 😊
6/16/2020 11:43	Madison Grover	Hi there! My name is Madison Grover and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing because I feel strongly about the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've our city is strong enough to grow and prosper without more funding allocated to the police. I bell've we can be an example of how community lead efforts can benefit ALL its community members. Sincerely, Madison Grover

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6/16/2020 11:44	Dana Berge	I live in District #7. It bummed me out to hear about the budget amendments proposed yesterday. I don't think the police should be given more funding when our communities are struggling. I listened to hours of people demanding a reduced police budget and I see none of that reflected in the amendment. Why is it that we can't find money for education but when the police need more it's somehow always works out? I understand the complexities of making drastic reductions to the budget this close to the beginning of the fiscal year. I still want to believe it's possible but if you truly can't do it this year then commit to doing it next year. Your constituents want to see you take action to make change. Stand up for what's right! Justice for all! Black Lives Matter!
6/16/2020 11:18	Eve Rickles	I am a resident of District 5. I am emailing you once again to ask that you cut the SLCPD budget by \$30 million and reinvest that money into the community. I was so disappointed to learn that after the city council meeting you are now talking about increasing the SLCPD budget. This is not what we asked for. The head of SLCPD doesn't even recognize that there is a problem with systemic racism in his department when Black people make up 1% of the population and 10% of the police murders. This is despicable. The money you are allocating could be going so much farther when I've invested in social work, education, and transportation. Please, do the right thing.
6/16/2020 11:24	Timo Hatzia	Dear City Council, My name is Timo H and I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, as well as police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grieve collectively, as thousands, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this system has been tried, and has failed. It is not necessarily broken and simply in need of fixing, but rather is corrupt and in need of major structural change from the ground up. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we DEMAND that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it starts with your vote. We should be striving for a more humane society, you have the means to make a positive difference. Thank you for your time.

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6/16/2020 11:24	Christina Ratcliff	I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote.
6/16/2020 11:30	Willow Skye	Hello, my name is Willow, you may have heard me call in this past Tuesday to share my story about hearing the murder of Bernardo Palacios outside my building (which happened in your district). I recognize that you are probably doing what you think is the right thing by wanting to add money for more body cams and de escalation training. But I also know that you are committed to changes that actually work. Adding more body cams doesn?t seem to make a difference when none of the officers that are seen on camera clearly murdering my neighbor who is running away are even being charged for any crime. What exactly would filming more of my neighbors being murdered accomplish if they will never be held accountable? De escalation training has been shown to not be effective. Police don't have the ability to truly de escalate a crises, we need to l'vest in creating an entirely new approach to community care with people who are not armed, not looking to arrest, and without the historical record of being tied to slave patrols and an unending record of racism, as well as violence against gay lesbian trans people, women, people experiencing homelessness, people with mental health issues etc. Increasing the already grossly inflated budget is the wrong direction. You will be making your community and constituents feel completely betrayed by supporting this move. We are asking for police defunding and clear steps to rerouting those funds into community services that can help our communities finally heal. Thank you for your time. I bell've you can make the right decision.

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6/16/2020 11:37	Virginia Mikell	We the people do NOT want a new tax to spend MORE money on body cameras. Police used body cameras with Bernardo and what good did that help? He is still dead. We don't want incrementalreform we want gradual DISMANTLEMENT. Listen to the people of your city. Listen to our cries. You all could be forgotten as the leaders that continued the status quo OR you could be remembered as the leaders of an incredible new era of American history. I became a public school teacher because I bell'ved that was the best way I could fight this system. I bell've I can influence young minds to expand them further with more knowledge than our society expects them to know. I bell've I can show by example and by admitting my mistakes when I make them. The most important aspect of learning is failure and moving past that to something extraordinary. To keep pushing. PLEASE grow past our societies FAILURES and LEARN and GROW from them. We don't wantreform. We want RESTRUCTURE. We want the police funds distributed among social programs such as for homeless, education, the arts, rental relief, and mental (and bodily wellness. Because in all honesty if we take care of ALL people then why will the downtrodden and desperate need to rob, join gangs, steal or grow angry? They are not criminals they are people FAILED by the way our society is structured and think they have no other way out. The way police culture is structured is inherently biased and based on VIOLENCE. They should work on a much much much smaller scale. We ask too much of our police forces which they are VERY ILL EQUIPPED to handle. Unless they go back to college and get DEGREES in social work or some similar area. NOT a few hours of ?bias education? or ?de-escalation? training (which we all know how seriously they will take that). I will reiterate. Be the leaders that are as remembered as leading the charge into a new era of American history. Join the other communities that are actually listening to their constituents. don't be forgotten with continuing in the status quo. Thank you,
6/16/2020 11:45	Miranda Porter	Hello, My name is Miranda Porter and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because there is injustice, to say the VERY least, and I will not stop until anti-racist acts are put in place in our community. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in exploration and integration of other means to help aid those who reach out to police force for help. Hire professionals to be involved in each unique case to properly resolve issues of mental illness, sexual assault, murder, abuse, discrimination, drugs and the child care system. So much needs to be done. Sincerely, Miranda Porter Sent from my iPhone

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6/16/2020 11:38	Erika Ahlin	I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote.
6/16/2020 11:50	Robert Zitting	I live on Pierpont Avenue near Pioneer Park. On occasion, living in this area, we have to call some one to talk to someone who is yelling on the street in the middle of the night. There is no reason that the person we call be a police officer, as the issue the person is having is tied to their mental health and would be better taken care of by a mental health professional. There is an organization already resonding to calls like this in Salt Lake called the Utah Crisis Intervention and Diversion Services through the University of Utah. They have a hotline oyu can call to report somebody that is having a mental health crisis where they will dispatch somebody to see to them. The only problem is they are understafed and often aren't able to respond quickly and Salt Lake Disbatch is unable to direct issues to them. I propose taking the responsibility of responding to these issues from the police to an organizatino like the aforementioned and subsiquently moving some of the funding from the police department to an organization better suited to handle these types of problems.
6/15/2020 16:10	Aonika Russell	We need the ! And the SLCPD do a great service to our community. There is no reason to take this drastic step in our state !!

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6/16/2020 11:22	Anonymous Constituent	Dear Salt Lake City Council, Re-allocate public money to better help those who are without a home (regardless of the type) of their own, people with mental health matters, and other social situations. The police always want the biggest piece of the budget pie. Giving police money through the years is part of the problem since the police have spent said money making themselves more powerful and now are militarized unreasonably. The police need to be re-structured, and taught that Black men in addition to all Black and Brown people are NOT threats. Why the mayor and members of the Salt Lake City council are not doing the job you all were elected to do and allocate the city's budget yourselves instead of pawning off this duty to the State only proves your poor leadership. Do your job and stop pushing it off on the State to do it for you. Re-allocate the city's budget to include more money for social situations. Thank you for your time
6/15/2020 16:17	Josaleigh Pollett	Hello city council! I appreciate your continued support and request for feedback at this time. However, it is unfortunate that despite public outcry to DECREASE the city's police budget for 2020-2021, an INCREASE has appeared. The solutions suggested to increase police accountability have been shown again and again in other communities to not have enough impact in protecting our communities against police violence. You cannot put a ?diversity training? bandaid on a broken system and call it progress. We owe our black and brown communities more than that. Show us you care about their lives. You may be hearing from the police force that they need funding because they are already stretched thin. If our communities are calling the police too often over non-violent crimes, let them learn to call someone else by limiting police presence. I am a white woman who has grown up in Utah. I am a law-abiding, tax-paying, home owner in this beautiful city. When I see a police officer I am filled with terror and anxiety. They do not make me feel safe, especially after the violence they've inflicted over protests. I can?t imagine how our black and brown citizens feel every day. Please, do not increase funding to a violent institution and increase funding to better social services. We don't need violent, power-hungry, thugs roaming our streets, and I?m 100% only talking about our police department. Sincerely, Josaleigh Pollett Salt Lake City, UT

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6/15/2020 17:15	Eliza Van Dyk	Hello, My name is Eliza Van Dyk, I live in the Sugarhouse neighborhood in Salt Lake City and want the following comment on the record: As a resident of Salt Lake City, I'm calling on the Salt Lake City Council to act with moral courage and propose a vote to decrease funding by at least \$30 million to the Salt Lake Police Department for 2020-2021, and enact a hiring freeze on new officers. Those funds should be rel'vested into services and programs directed by the public through accessible and democratic decision-making processes. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Eliza Van Dyk
6/15/2020 19:12	Nora Price	Council Member Valdemoros, My name is Nora Price and I reside in Salt Lake City. I'm writing in reference to Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal's murder at the hands of the SLCPD. I demand that the officers involved finally and immediately be fired and prosecuted for this crime. I also demand the resignation of Police Chief Mike Brown for allowing this unjust use of force and for not firing the officers involved. He is serving and protecting the police, not the people of this city. I am awed by the power and resiliency of Bernardo's family and friends. They should not have had to bury him with his murderers still uncharged. They should never have had to bury him at all. Sincerely, Nora Price
6/16/2020 8:21	Allison Sands	Please do not defund the police!! That would be the worst idea ever! I fully support the police and all that they do! They need the funding and I proudly will help support them.

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6/16/2020 9:07	Nick Halberg	Hello, My name is Nick Halberg. I am a Salt Lake Resident, and I am emailing to express my concerns regarding the proposed changes to the Salt Lake City Police Department. I am underwhelmed at the efforts made by the city council to address the deeply entrenched racist systems in our community?s police department. While I understand that budget decisions are not simple, I don't think this proposed changes are ambitious enough to make any meaningful impact. These adjustments (which include renaming police funds instead of decreasing them and providing the police with more equipment), seem to just create the appearance that the council is taking police brutality seriously. In reality, body cameras and de-escalation trainings do little to prevent police brutality. I hope that the council reconsiders their solutions and proposes a plan which will take these matters more seriously before tomorrow?s vote. Best, Nick Halberg
6/16/2020 9:09	Paulina Dryden	Hello, My name is Paulina Dryden and I am a student Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Paulina Dryden
6/16/2020 10:18	Aubree Terry	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police and into the community. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to Defund The Police. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.

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6/16/2020 10:51	Anna Fukushima	<p>and I am a voter and resident in Salt Lake. I am emailing you today to tell you that I do not agree with the proposed 2020-2021 budget for the police department. If you have been following the news recently, you may have seen the phrase Defund the Police going around. Here, I would like to explain to you what that phrase means. Defunding the police does not mean an entire dismantling of the police force. Defunding the Police would mean a drastic cut from the police budget, and then a reallocation of these funds into community uplift programs. Our police force is untrained for many of the issues that they must face because the American Policing System has put cops in charge of simply too many responsibilities. For example, cops respond to homelessness calls, they deal with the mentally ill, they are present in mismanaged schools, they arrive when drug users overdose, and so much more. However, many of these issues are systemic issues. The response to homelessness, mentally ill people, mismanaged school, and drug overdoses should not be incarceration or criminalization. Homelessness needs to be prevented, not met with consequences for those who need solutions. Our community needs more affordable solutions for mental health problems; medication, facilities, treatment, and therapy are very expensive for individuals. In the past 40 years, police jurisdiction has expanded dramatically, especially in poorer communities and communities of color. Police presence in these communities is intimidating, and it does not solve issues such as racial and economic disparities from the core of the issue itself. Policereform DOES NOT WORK. Police brutality is still a major issue across the country, even with de-escalation training programs in place. De-escalation training costs millions of dollars every year. In the proposed budget for 2020-2021, Salt Lake wants to add \$322,000 to the budget for de-escalation training. While it is important for cops to learn to handle situations rather than respond to them with violence, the issue comes down to racial profiling. Minneapolis is an example of how policereform does not work. Minneapolis was a city that represented progressive policereform. However, their efforts were ineffective. *Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Anna Fukushima	<p>*Continued 2/2* Take George Floyd's death as proof. Here in Utah, 1.6% of our population is Black and 13% of our population is Latinx. Between January 2013 and December 2019, the Utah police reported (key word reported) that 82 people were killed by police. Of these 82 people, 8 of them were Black. Of these 82 people, 13 of them were Latinx. 9.76% of the people killed by police in Utah between 2013 and 2019 were Black, in a state where only 1.6% of our population is Black. 15.9% of the people killed by police in Utah were Latinx, in a state where only 13% of our population is Latinx. These numbers do not lie. These statistics ONLY represent fatalities, which is only one major issue. In Utah, Black and Latinx people are also disproportionately incarcerated. The Prison Policy Initiative used the 2010 Census to show the number of people incarcerated per 100,000 people in that racial/ethnic group in Utah. White's: 367 Latinx: 832 Black: 2711 Native American/Alaskan Native: 1488 These data represent how Blacks are disproportionately incarcerated, along with other minority groups. Felons cannot vote. This is taking away the voice of these minority groups. This is systemic racism. Public institutions are being defunded, such as schools, hospitals, and libraries, especially in poorer communities. Instead of building back up this dissolving infrastructure, police are introduced into these communities as band aid "solutions" to try to fix all of the issues that the failing infrastructure has caused. By redirecting funds from the police department to these failing infrastructures, the goal is to reduce crime and battle the issue of racial and economic disparities FROM THE ROOT of the issue itself. Research has shown that crime is a response to social conditions. We need to uplift communities to reduce crime. Continuing to cut community building services and introducing intimidating forces will not solve these issues. Defund the Police is a grassroots campaign to uplift communities. So I am asking you, my District Representative, do not increase the Police Budget, but rather consider decreasing it and reallocating those funds to better serve our communities. No spending on body cams, police car technology, or de-escalation training. And no new hires within the police department for the next year. Every additional member requires a salary. I also urge you to cut the budget by an additional \$30 million, and reallocate these funds accordingly. In order to know how to best reallocate these funds, you should reach out to members of the communities these programs would affect most.</p>

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6/16/2020 10:52	Katherine Driver	City Council Members, After listening to the last 2 town hall meetings, I was FURIOUS to see that you all have completely ignored the public's input. Hundreds and hundreds of citizens called in expressing their outrage at the proposal to increase the SLCPD budget...and yet, not only are you planning to move forward with the budget, but you are actually proposing to FURTHER INCREASE THE POLICE DEPT BUDGET?!?! This will not end well for you. SLC will absolutely respond by voting each and every one of you out of office. Your job is to represent and advocate for the interests of SLC citizens and you are MISERABLY FAILING at that if you move forward with this budget. SLC deserves better than this. Do better!!! Sincerely, Katherine Driver
6/16/2020 10:55	Brianne Hadley	Hello, My name is Brianne. I am a resident of Ogden but frequent the SLC area. I'm writing to you today in regards to the council statement made on 6/5/2020 concerning police bodycam footage and department funding. You are certainly correct in stating that the community is not interested in words. We want to see progressive steps being taken in the right direction to help ensure that our community can build a positive relationship with law enforcement in the future. With that being said, I am encouraged that the SLC comittee is beginning to take action, and I hope that continues. Some issues that we need to coniser with the police budget and departmentreform: 1. Are we still allowing no-knock raids in the state of Utah? If so, we need to consider the danger and risks involved in these search warrants for both the victims of un-reasonable warrants and police violence that often results from this, but also the safety of the officers involved. 2. How are we ensuring that there is proper training for police departments? Police officers should have longer and more comprehensive training (3,000+ hours?). 3. How will we make sure that police officers be held to a higher accountability of the law in comparrison to your average citizen? With great power comes great responsibility. 4. In areas where police officers are not needed, how can we effectively put in place programs that assist our community on a deeper level: homelessness, poverty, drug abuse, etc.

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6/16/2020 11:11	Zoe Perry	<p>Dear Salt Lake City Council Members, My name is Zoe Perry, a lifelong resident of Salt Lake, and I am writing to you today yet again to urge you to defund the police, and rel'vest in your community and your constituents. Policereform has been touted for decades. As clearly stated by Christy Lopez, a professor at Georgetown Law School and a co-director of the school?s Innovative Policing Program, ?it has become clear to me that reform? is not enough. Making sure that police follow the rule of law is not enough. Even changing the laws is not enough.? For the Salt Lake City council to even suggest that we provide increased funding forreforms, training, and accountability that is proven to be ineffective, as opposed to rel'vesting in the community, is beyond upsetting - it is insulting. As council members elected by your community, it is your duty to act in the best manner for your constituents. You need to listen to the voice of the people, screaming at the top of our lungs, imploring you to defund the police. Do not allow yourselves the lies thatreform works. Do not continue to do the exact same thing, and expect different results - this is insanity. With the requested 30 million dollar budget cut, the salt lake city council could fund the following: -Hire 235 new teachers AND give all a desperately needed 20% raise. -Provide rent relief for 24,291 months, or 2,024 years, with the average cost of rent being \$1235. -Provide MEDICAL INSURANCE in a PANDEMIC for 5,530 individuals or 2,140 families, with the average cost of a monthly individual with no subsidy coming it a whopping \$452, and \$1168 for a family. -Provide 333,333 therapy sessions, with the average cost per session at \$90. -Feed residents 2.3 million meals, or 6,322 meals per day, with a high average meal cost of \$13. This means FEEDING HUNGRY CHILDREN, children that are hungry right now, children that are starving in our city today. I hope that the Salt Lake City council members will not continue to disregard the community, the constituents, and the political climate of the entire nation, and move forward with the proposed SLC Police department increase. I demand the council vote with and for the people, defund the police department, and I'vest in our community, growth, and safety.</p> <p>Signed,</p>

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6/16/2020 11:03	Caroline Jackson	I just wanted to reach out about the new proposed budget numbers for the 2020-21 city budget. While I understand that payroll needs go up as our city is expanding I?m disheartened by the fact that the council has advised to raise the SLCPDs budget by an additional 1.4 million dollars. Arguably, EMSs would be better suited to respond to calls where a person with mental illness is present and their budget has only increased 2 million since 2019 while the police have seen a 10 million dollar increase in the same time period. Additionally, I?m under the impression that SLCPD already have body cameras, so why is a budget increase needed for the purpose of body cameras? It was my hope, along with I?m certain a good portion of the city, that you would create a budget with the the desires of your constituents in mind, but that?s not what I've seen happen. Finally, de escalation training has proven to have neutral impact at best on the future performance of police officers who have gone through it. Personally I?d like to see Salt Lake make actual policy changes and not do the bare minimum for the appearance of saving face. These changes barely acknowledge the problem at all and I would like to see the council do more.
6/16/2020 11:03	Anonymous Constituent	you should not defund police we as citizens will be in grave danger if you do !! im forreform but not defunding
6/16/2020 11:09	Anonymous Constituent	As a wife to a SLC Firefighter I have great peace when my husband goes to work knowing that there is a good working police force backing him and his crew. I can't imagine doing either of their jobs and the brace men and women who choose these careers should be honored instead of persecuted. To defund the police not only opens more potential crime for businesses and personal property but also those that are serving along side them. It is crazy that good, hard working cops are being treated so unfairly because of incidents across the country. please don't vote to defund the police. we need them!
6/16/2020 11:10	Leo Stillinger	Dear SLC Council, I?m writing to strongly urge a drastic diminishment in the budget of the SLCPD, to be rel'vested both in alternative forms of care (such as mental health counsellors, substance abuse specialists, etc) and in initiatives which would diminish crime at the root, such as: expansion of affordable housing and housing for the homeless; I'vestment in poorer neighborhoods; expansion of after-school programs in such neighborhoods; etc. What remains of the SLCPD must be subject to much greater public oversight, including civilian review boards endowed with actual decision-making powers, and public access to all body cam footage. The SLCPD as it currently exists is unjust and ineffective. In taking action, Salt Lake can lead the way in policereform around the country. We are living through a unique historical moment, and it is the time for bravery. Best, Leo Stillinger SLC resident

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6/16/2020 11:33	Marissa Sorensen	Hello SLC City Council, My name is Marissa and I am a Salt Lake City resident. Hearing about the city's intention to increase funding for police officers for further training makes my heart hurt. I want to feel safe in my home, in my community, and the fact of the matter is that is not the case for people in our country. People can be shot while they sleep, they can be shot on the streets, they can be shot for telling a police officer they will walk home to sober up. I don't feel like having so many armed people brings safety or peace. I think it only enhances danger in an otherwise non-violent situation. If you plan to increase funding for the police, please be transparent in what exactly that means, what changes will happen to the training, and what new things will be implemented. My ideal city and community would not have any armed police officers, as I don't think weapons are necessary in every situation. Traffic cops pull people over and can point a gun at someone in the car. I don't see why that's necessary. Again, it only enhances danger and fear, which makes people react abnormally, which may seem like they are posing a threat to the cops safety. Shouldn't the public feel safe around police? There could be new positions hired through the city for mental health/social workers who can be dispatched to certain conflicts. I think of Rayshard Brooks in Atlanta who needed to sober up and get home safe. Someone could have treated him with kindness and gotten him home safe. Instead, he was shot dead. My heart hurts every day. Please let Salt Lake be a frontrunner for an example on how defunding the police can be handled. Please let our city lead by example. Sincerely, Marissa Sorensen

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6/16/2020 11:34	Bryan Youngberg	<p>I should start off by saying that this is the first time I'm doing this. The apolitical life has been good to me, so I've never felt the need to get involved. However, in light of recent events, both nationally and locally, I feel the need to reach out. I was devastated to hear that with all the issues surrounding police, and all the calls to start reallocating finds to the community to address the roots of crime (poverty, over-policing, racism) that the council you sit on not only ignored those calls, but decided to INCREASE THE POLICE BUDGET!!! Is the council not listening to the people? Your bio online says that you have worked for LGBTQ rights, which I agree is vital work. All SLC residents deserve the right to not be discriminated against. Now is the time that your attention be laser focused on how to eliminate the over policing and the over-criminalization of Salt Lake residents. And how to eliminate the racist policies and practices upheld by the SLCPD. Just 2 weeks ago, a 22 year old was shot 20+ times while running for his life. What has happened with those police? They got a paid vacation. What the people want is the defund the police and reallocate those funds to bolster social programs that are designed to help people out of poverty. Re-I'vest in education Re-I'vest in social services Re-I'vest in mental health services Re-I'vest in the community Divest from the SLCPD'stop giving the band of militiamen more money and "training" when they don't bell've that there's an issue. You can't train people who don't bell've they need to be trained. And even with more body cams, youre just filming the problem, not addressing it. And by that point, it's too late With this increase in the budget for police, you're rewarding the killing and over-criminalization of SLC residents and you should be ashamed. In a time where all budgets are being tightened, why do the police get a raise? This may come off as the ramblings of an insane man, but I live in your district. From the bios of your fellow council members, and just from politics in general in SLC, I understand you have an uphill battle they ng to get your progressive voice heard in conservative Urah. But we need you. The people need you. I bell've in you and I hope that you will continue to advocate for those who need it. I'm asking for a defunding of the police, and a reallocation of those funds into programs that decrease criminality.</p>

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6/16/2020 11:34	Lila Leatherman	Hello, my name is Lila Leatherman, and I am a Salt Lake City resident of District 4. I'm contacting you because I'm confused. Over the last two weeks, we've seen an outpouring of demands for reducing funding to SLCPD. If you claim to represent and serve the citizens of Salt Lake City, how can you justify an increase in funding for police in response to this current moment? Defund SLCPD means a request to reduce funding, not to increase it. Not for body cameras. Not for de-escalation training. Not for measures that improve the optics of the department but will do little to change the status quo, numbers of police, or incident of police violence. Your budget increase-- as well as a \$30 million reduction in police spending for the coming year-- would be a huge contribution to resources for unsheltered people, to subsidized healthcare and mental health services, to developing infrastructure that doesn't rely on people with guns. Listen to the people of Salt Lake. We're begging you. don't allocate additional money to the police; defund them. Lila Leatherman

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6/16/2020 11:36	Maren Hammerstrom	Hello, I am a resident of the city Woods Cross. Though I?m am not a Salt Lake City resident, this is my community and I feel it is important to share my unwavering support for the people; for defunding the police and reallocating the budget towards things such as education and social services to eradicate police brutality and systemic injustice. I hope my voice will be heard. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Maren Hammerstrom
6/16/2020 11:37	Caroline Kane	Please vote to defund the Police. If we can not abolish them completely, find a way to reallocate the current funds to do the improvements proposed. There is no need to increase the funding to the SLPD. Demilitarize them, and use that money for de-escalatin trainings or whatever else you think is going to make positive change (that likely won't impact murders much). Police do not need to be as armored and weaponized as they are. CUT FUNDING by \$30 million. Spend government money and MY TAX dollars on programs that BUILD and PROTECT the community. Social work, non-profit organizations, CRIME PREVENTION. By reinforcing the police we are treating a SYMPTOM, NOT THE CAUSE and it does not make any sense. Preventative measures to help those who turn to crime is a more logical way to spend our money than "catching criminals". The murder and brutality MUST STOP.

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6/16/2020 12:04	Anonymous Constituent	Since the mayor and city council have no regard for due process, where is the line drawn for public comments from elected officials regarding police related incidents prior to any decision made from the DA's office regarding said incident? With the inaccuracies in the statements the council (Mr. Wharton and Ms. Fowler in particular) has made, if there is a need for community control and accountability for them outside elections as well. That makes them no better than President Trump and his frequents inaccurate statements as well.
6/16/2020 11:40	Eve Cohen	I'm a resident of District #7 here in SLC and have emailed several times over the past few days about the upcoming 2020-2021 budget. Based on the announcement today to increase the budget for SLCPD, going against what thousands of your constituents have demanded of you over the past few weeks, it has occurred to me that you might think that we don't understand how budgeting works. I know how budgeting works. I've read the mayor's recommended budget. I know that the police budget is the largest single line item. I also know that the vast majority of revenue to the city is taxes. I know you can't simply raise property taxes overnight during a global pandemic. I also know that sales taxes are going to take a steep hit as more People's shop online and local businesses see a steep decline. I also know that the only thing that makes sense is to REMOVE FUNDS from the SLCPD and I've ST those dollars in services that will strengthen our services. Housing, healthcare, childcare, food access, the foundations of a healthy community. I manage my household's budget. I am the COO of an international company. I am not unfamiliar with budgeting. When there is going to be a decrease in money coming in, you cut things. Start by cutting where you already spend more than you need. don't spend more on body cameras and things that are PROVEN NOT TO WORK. Spend them on building and strengthening our community that has been traumatized by a worsening global pandemic. I sincerely hope you listen to what the people of SLC want and what they want is the defunding of police and an investment in a better system. If you don't I hope you are prepared to lose your job. Thanks for hearing me, District #7
6/16/2020 11:50	Brianna Jensen	Thank you for your work as a representative in our City. Recent events have highlighted problems in policing within SLC and throughout the country, as i'm sure you are aware. Today I am writing to ask you to advocate for decreasing police spending in our city and using those funds to reinvest in our community by supporting education, health care, social workers and more. Thank you for your time.
6/16/2020 11:40	Aidan Croft	I am extremely disappointed in the City Council's decision to reallocate MORE money to SLCPD. Body cameras, tech, and tasers do not stop police brutality. As was evident with the murder Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal, police body cams and other "tech" do NOT stop police from ruthlessly murdering people of color in our streets. I hope this decision is redacted immediately. I am so disappointed in this leadership.

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6/16/2020 11:40	Logan Nielsen	Mr. Johnston, Thank you for all you do on the Salt Lake City Council. I'd like to request that you take into consideration my support for the reallocation of funding heretofore earmarked for the police department's status quo, which has led to the many unspeakable acts of violence which have been recently brought to the forefront of our collective attention. As a social worker, I'm sure you agree that funding spent on social programs in our city will be far more effective than expecting the police to handle problems they simply aren't equipped to handle, and that the lives of those who suffer from addiction or mental illnesses are put at risk whenever they come in contact with a police officer, especially if those lives are one of a minority ethnicity. Thank you very much, Logan Nielsen
6/16/2020 11:49	Elizabeth Martin	Dear Council, Do not DEFUND our Police Dept! Show the rest of the country the proper way to bring change and reform! Yes to more training, yes to more outreach to all of our first responders. Stop the cycle of misinformation and be a leader in reform. Get behind the brave men and women in blue, the ones who have chosen to protect and serve all of us everyday of their lives!
6/16/2020 11:40	Chasity Mayo	I recently sent an email about the 8 cant wait policies. After researching and receiving more information, I have come to the conclusion that we cannot reform the police as they are. We must make changes to the overall system to ensure the safety of our community. I believe that defunding the police and redistributing the wealth in other areas of our community will boost the quality of life for everyone. I have come to realize that we should not be debating over Black people and their livelihood. it should not be a debate for Black people to have equal opportunities, adequate access to healthcare, and to feel safe at the hands of law enforcement. We must reflect on ourselves as white people and criticize the systems in which we have reinforced throughout the centuries. For this reason, I believe we must make moves toward defunding the police.

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6/16/2020 11:51	M Andrew	<p>We need to work to bring the police officer's patrol uniform back to an appearance of professionalism and service, rather than a tactical or casual one. Please work to bring about this change in dress that will help bring about the change of the "us v. them" mentality. Special assignments will provide for variances to this, but the patrol officer should be the hallmark of professionalism in appearance and demeanor, how you dress effects that. Work to do away with the acquisition of military equipment going to police departments. Can't the police re-furbish an old Brinks truck, rather than using a military MRAP vehicle? Instead put the funding to all officers having body cams and professional uniforms. Work to change police department dress and grooming policy to: -Do away with the allowance of external vest/external vest carriers or tactical vests for patrol officers -Do away with BDU/Cargo uniform pants and polo shirts -Do away with baseball caps, canvas duty belts and leg holsters Instead make sure every patrol officer has: a "worsted wool LAPD navy blue"uniform, Class A uniform cap and hat badge, Class A uniform hat (mesh top and hat badge, for summer), leather duty belts and non-bdu/cargo uniform pants). Please read.... https://www.odmp.org/media/image/officer/22948/orig/senior-police-officer-leander-frank.jpg Photo examples of professional uniforms: https://pbs.twimg.com/media/DD6ADILVwAALBK8.jpg https://i2.wp.com/thesource.metro.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/unnamed.jpg https://static.politico.com/dims4/default/7628bd4/2147483647/resize/1160x%3E/quality/90/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fstatic.politico.com%2Fcapny%2Fsit's%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fa-nypd%20officers_0.png https://pbs.twimg.com/media/DF9Lp37U0AAI8uu.jpg Tactical/casual uniforms: https://static-38.sinclairstoryline.com/resources/media/d4d815e9-7e7f-44be-add3-47b4d13793da-large3x4_STILLWATERVEST.jpg?1575482329336 https://pbs.twimg.com/media/CnN0khCWgAER5LC.jpg https://mntactical.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Screen-Shot-2016-10-05-at-4.21.01-PM.png https://bloximages.newyork1.vip.townnews.com/lancasteronline.com/content/tncms/assets/v3/editorial/5/7e/57eb5bf2-9b25-11e3-8e94-001a4bcf6878/53079ac23b59c.image.jpg https://www.odmp.org/media/image/officer/22948/orig/senior-police-officer-leander-frank.jpg</p>

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6/16/2020 11:41	Daniel Watson	I'm a staff member up at the University of Utah. I want to express my deep frustration with the budget of the SLCPD. Given the current social movement there is NO REASON the SLC City Council should vote to increase the budget for our police department. We have the highest number of police killings of black people by population size in the entire country. This is an absolute disgrace and one that should be met with defunding the police department. I demand that the city council vote to defund the SLCPD by \$30 Million. Do NOT spend any money on body cams, tasers, or police car technology -- this makes NO ONE more safe. Do NOT spend on de-escalation training -- this has been tried for decades with NO RESULTS. And NO NEW HIRES in the police department for the next year. Please be a part of the solution, not a part of the problem
6/16/2020 11:41	Makinzee Loveridge	I do not want Salt Lake City to become a crime center like the other big cities so let?s keep the small police force to be able to keep Salt Lake city'safe! Please vote not to cut spending! Sent from myMail for iOS
6/16/2020 11:42	Eve Cohen	I have written to you several times over the last few days, as I know many others in the district have. I have written each time with specific asks: REDUCE funding for the SLCPD and REI'veST those budget dollars in programs and services that help improve our city for ALL RESIDENTS. I have sent you the data that proves the tactics the City Council is proposing, including increased training and equipment, do nothing to prevent the police from murdering Black people. Body cameras did NOTHING to prevent the shooting death, murder, of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal. Those officers still have their jobs, are on paid administrative leave, and Bernardo is dead. Body cameras have proven to be INEFFECTIVE in stopping police from murdering people. Why on EARTH would you spend more on them? You must think that the people who live here are pretty dumb if you think that the decion to I'vest MORE of our budget dollars while we remain the 51st state in the nation in terms of per capita student spending is meeting our needs. Do you think that we are VERY DUMB? I am not dumb. I am watching, I see what you are doing. What you are doing is blatantly ignoring the reasonable pleas of your constituents to do what is right, to prevent the murder of more BIPOC people on the streets of SLC. Shame on you. You are not a leader if you ignore your city. We won't forget.

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6/16/2020 11:42	Nora Lang	New York has banned chokeholds, Seattle focused on de-escalation training and Los Angeles restricted shooting at moving vehicles. Unfortunately non of thereforms taken the city listed prevented the killing of Eric Garner, Charleena Lyles and Ryan Twyman. Each officer in the case were found using tactics the city'sreforms were meant to prevent. It is clear thatreform does not make a change. Please do not let Salt Lake become on of these cases. I demand, as a resident and teacher of your city to carve out 30 million fo the SLPD?s budget and put it towards a healthy future for this city. This includes I'vesting in -Our schools, where the future of the city is educated. -Our health, I'vesting and supporting better health care for those forgotten. -Our mental health, providing accessible therapy so that we may heal and better ourselves as a city. Policereform has acted like a bandaid on a dying heart. We can provide programs to help previous officers assimilate back into new careers taking care of our officers and safety of residents. I invite you, all of you, to be imaginative, brave and embrace a future full of equity and care. Below I include an article for your imaginations to grow. If you actually have everyones best interest in mind please read the fallowing two articles providing perspective. https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/jun/16/its-not-about-bad-apples-how-us-policereforms-have-failed-to-stop-brutality-and-violence

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6/16/2020 11:43	Markell Kolendrianos	To the Council Members and the Mayor, I am a resident of District 7. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Markell Kolendrianos
6/16/2020 11:43	Monica Ellee Henrie	Hi Andrew, My name is Monica Henrie and I am sending this email, requesting that we DEFUND SLCPD. I request that we pour money back into our communities that will build a strong, safe community for all of us. I would like more money I'vested in our local education, housing, healthcare, public transit, jobs that pay a living wage and other community services for communities of color and poor communities. I DO NOT STAND BEHIND RAISING THE SLCPD BUDGET. Other cities across the country have moved to defund their police departments. I would like to know, what are we going to do about this???? Are you going to listen to all the voices speaking up about this issue, or are you going to ignore us??? We will NOT GIVE UP. Thank you, Monica Henrie
6/16/2020 11:44	Connie Westbrook	please do not defund or cut our police departments! we need our police services!

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6/16/2020 11:45	Mike Strayer	Dear Council Member Wharton, I am writing to implore you to not increase the police budget for the upcoming fiscal year. In fact, I hope you and your fellow Council Members vote to defund the police. As a resident in your district, I do not feel safer with a militarized police presence in our community. The Salt Lake City Police Department has squandered our community resources far too long, all the while harassing and killing innocent residents like Bernardo Palacios. Our Black and brown neighbors have born the brunt of police violence and now is the time to say never again. Please reallocate police funds for the next fiscal year to public safety measures that actually help the most vulnerable of our community, such as housing and mental healthcare. Council Member Wharton, I have no doubt that a person of your character and good intentions bell'ves Black Lives Matter. Show that you do by voting to defund the police. In solidarity, Mike Strayer
6/16/2020 11:48	Miguel Galindo	Dear Council Member Wharton, Thank you for your humble service to our District and City. Amidst all of the turmoil and protests, I trust that you will be advocating to ensure that the cycle of racist police brutality ends - Salt Lake City CAN be a model community for humane policing! You have my trust as a representative, so please know that as your constituent I will have your back when you push for bigreforms of the Police Department, up to and including a very radical overhaul. Best regards, Miguel Galindo
6/16/2020 11:47	E. Timothy Schomburg	While I officially live n Murray, I was born and raised in SLC. I work in downtown SLC on a grave shift. Yes I'm one of the lucky ones who still has a job although my hours have been cut. I do not want to see the budget cut. In fact, I think the budget should be increased, more cops, body cams for all if not already and yes some better training and some procedural changes. Less cops hurts the lower socioeconomic communities. And less cops means more crime downtown and decreased property values and espically safety and quality of life. Instead of defunding SLCPD how 'bout some sort of an outreach program to tell people that when you're pulled over for whatever the reason this is how you behave if you don't want it to escalate into a dangerous situation for you and the cops. My dad told me to always told me to say "yes sir" or "no sir" and keep both hands on the steering wheel until the officer comes to the window etc. I like cops. I live in a large condo project. And I must have an officer from Murray PD and SLCPD living here. I always like seeing a cop car parked in one of several parking areas.

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6/16/2020 11:48	Molly Barnewitz	Dear Council Member, I was astonished to read today that rather than listening to the people you represent, the City Council may be providing additional funds to the police under the pretext of reform." More body cams, technology, and tasers, are not reform." De-escalation trainings have been attempted and have failed to have the result of preventing the murder of countless BIPOC community members. Increasing the funding for the Salt Lake Police, who continue to deny the systemic racism of our government that willingly wields police brutality, is simply shameful. Please take the time to examine your white privilege and use your position of power to act so that no more lives are lost at the hands of a corrupt and racist police system. You must take steps to defund the police. Best, Molly Barnewitz
6/16/2020 11:51	Molly Barnewitz	Dear Council Member, I am emailing for the second time to reiterate that additional funding for the SLCPD is unacceptable and truly an embarrassment. Although I have been unable to personally verify this, I read this morning that rather than actually defunding the police - and listening to your constituents - the City Council may approve additional police-related funding for nonsense including body cams and tasers. I am incredibly disappointed in the way the council has ignored the voices of the people you pretend to serve. I will again reiterate the demands: Defund the police budget by at least \$30 million. Do not throw away money on more gear for the police, do not throw away money on de-escalation training that has NOT made a difference in the past, and do not add money to the department. Spend the money on housing, access to food, and education in our communities. We do not need more policing. Abolishing the police is the first step towards Black liberation, and we can move towards that step by defunding the police now. I am a resident of your district and I hope you will listen to the people you serve. Best, Molly Barnewitz

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6/16/2020 12:03	Molly Mostert	<p>Hello, My name is Molly Mostert and I have lived in Salt Lake City for over 20 years. I was recently informed of a Utah statistic that utterly shocked me: although only 1.06% of Utahns are black, black people make up 10% of the people killed by Utah Police. This means black folks are killed more disproportionately in Utah than in any other US state. This statistic comes from an Al Jazeera article called "Mapping US Police Killings of Black Americans". As 70% of African Americans in Utah live in Salt Lake (a stat from the Utah Dept of Health), one can infer that the majority of these black people killed are killed by the SLCPD. This is a Salt Lake City problem, and it is a devastating problem. And yet, SLCPD Chief Mike Brown told all of you in your meeting on Tuesday that he doesn't believe the SLCPD has a problem with racial bias (while in the same breath saying that "there are implicit biases in everybody"). How can we expect this police force to change, and take any anti-bias training to heart, if they won't admit they have a problem in the first place? Even if Mike Brown's answer to Darin Mano's question had been, "Yes, we have a problem, and we will work on it," how can we expect them to actually change their ways when police departments across the nation have been purportedly working on this issue for years, yet continue to kill thousands of black, brown, and indigenous people every year? I understand that you all have the best intentions at heart when you make decisions to allocate additional funding to policereform programs. I was once in favor of policereform, too. However, in light of the protests and the calls to "defund the police," I have become more curious about policereform and whether it actually works. I have taken it upon myself to do some research in this area, and the more I look into it, the more I am convinced that efforts to reform the police are, in most cases, wasted efforts. On anti-bias training for police, Alex Vitale, sociology professor and police researcher, says this: "Diversity and multicultural training is not a new idea, nor is it terribly effective. Most officers have already been through some form of diversity training and tend to describe it as politically motivated, feel-good programming divorced from the realities of street policing. Researchers have found no impact on problems like racial disparities in traffic stops or marijuana arrests; both implicit and explicit bias remain, even after targeted and intensive training. This is not necessarily because officers remain committed to their racial biases, though this can be true, but because institutional pressures remain intact." I know you all want to put a lot of funding towards more body cams for SLCPD. *Continued 1/3*</p>

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	Molly Mostert	<p>According to an article published by PEW in January, "Although both officers and the public generally support body-worn cameras, or BWCs, the impacts may have been overestimated, according to a study published in March by George Mason University's Center for Evidence-Based Crime Policy. The study, which looked at 70 other body-worn camera studies published through June 2018, found the cameras have not had statistically significant effects on most measures of officer and citizen behavior or citizens' views of police. The authors noted that studies have found mixed results on body cameras leading to reductions in use of force by police ? one of the primary reasons supporters pushed for the cameras. Five studies and experiments showed that officers wearing cameras used force less often than officers not wearing cameras, but eight others showed no statistically significant difference in use of force." Even if body cameras aren't proven to reduce use of force, one would hope they would at least make it easier to hold officers accountable for misconduct and weed out the "bad apples" from the police department. As we know, the officers who shot and killed Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal were wearing cameras. However, although the footage clearly shows excessive use of force in Bernardo's tragic murder, as far as I know, the officers involved have still not been charged or reprimanded in any way, and Mike Brown stands behind these officers and their "unlawful killing". So, what good are more body cams if they don't reduce the abuse and killing of citizens, and if the publicly-released footage of the abuse and killing does not result in any justice for the victims or their families who are left reeling in the aftermath of these officer's blatant disregard for life? What good are body cams if we do not hold our police accountable? By not holding them accountable, we are telling them that it doesn't matter if everyone sees footage of them murdering someone because they will always get away with it. I learned recently that in a study on 911 calls in Minneapolis, it was found that the majority of calls the MPD responds to are related to mental health crises. I learned this from a member of Minneapolis's City Council, Jeremiah Ellison, in an interview he did on Democracy Now. Ellison posited that perhaps these mental health calls would be better handled by someone whose primary training is not in use-of-force and who doesn't have a gun. Someone who is trained specifically to handle situations involving emotionally disturbed individuals, such as a social worker, might be better suited to respond to these calls. I agree with him.* Continued 2/3*</p>

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	Molly Mostert	<p>*Continued 3/3* I highly encourage you to look into the Minneapolis City Council members' reasonings for pledging to disband the MPD and focus on community programs. I urge you to imagine the Salt Lake City your constituents are dreaming about when they ask you to reallocate funding from our obviously corrupt police force and give it to programs and people that actually help those members of our community who suffer the most, instead of punishing them for not having access to resources (and for having darker skin). Imagine if we funded and empowered our social workers, who are already specifically trained to effectively de-escalate mental health situations, instead of giving cops a little bit of de-escalation training in an attempt to turn them into nightmare-social workers with guns. Imagine if we I'vested in enough free housing so that our poorest community members would not be subject to constant harassment by the police on the streets. Imagine if our public transit were expanded and made free to use so that less of our low-income citizens were subject to fees, penalties, and police abuse that come with minor traffic incidents and failure to upkeep their vehicles (not to mention clean up our awful air quality a bit). There are so many programs to I'vest in that would PREVENT the need to waste more money on our already over-worked police who we ask to wear far too many hats than they are effectively able to. Oh, and who are also violent and racist. I urge you to listen to your constituents when they ask you to reduce the police budget. I urge you to reconsider your support for Mike Brown. I urge you to think about why you haven't pushed to hold SLC police officers accountable when they kill the citizens you serve. I urge you to prioritize community-building over policereform reform doesn't work). I urge you to use your power to stop the enforcement of inequality. We are focusing our energy on this issue now because now is the time to change. Let's not keep trying the samereform efforts that haven't worked in the past. Let's try something different. We don't need more body cams. We need more teachers, social workers, bus drivers, trax lines, and less police. Let's dream big! Lovingly, Molly P.S. I saw in a graph for the 20-21 budget that y'all plan to spend significantly more public funding on golf courses than on homeless services and other much-needed programs. Maintenance of golf courses is extremely wasteful, especially in our desert climate. I do not know of any golf courses that are free or accessible to low-income members of our community. Please consider turning at least one of these inaccessible, wasteful swaths of land into a public park with a community center.</p>

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	Cesar Bojorquez	Let this be the time for action, not commitment, not reflection. I demand the city council defund the police immediately. There is no place, need, or reason for police militarization in the state of Utah. We need social workers, housing as a civil right, universal healthcare, and green energy. Furthermore, this council and city officials have and have always had the power to stop systemic genocide. You sign the line that incentivizes the arrest of its own citizens. Every day you hold this title, you specifically, have the power to dismantle or uphold white supremacy in this city. I demand that this council, Mayor Mendenhall, & the coward Governor Herbert free all persons incarcerated for nonviolent drug charges, and launch an immediate community led review of every incarcerated citizen in the state of Utah. That all cases in which an officer was involved in the death of any human being. Be they citizen or undocumented be charged and brought to public trial. In addition I demand that the city of salt lake and the state of Utah immediately end all private contracts with prisons and detainment facilities, in particular those that serve ICE. No human can be ilegal on stolen land.

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	Morgaine LaFey	years. I, and countless other citizens of Salt Lake City, am appalled and horrified by the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis and countless other racially motivated crimes. It is unthinkable that in modern day America our culture must still combat the levels of racism that we see today. It is easy, yet unfair, to blame the police for the countless acts of racially motivated violence that have been escalating since the election of Donald Trump. However, it seems clear that we cannot rely on the police or the federal government to solve the problem of systematic violence, oppression, and racism that occurs in our cities. It must come from local leaders such as yourself. I am impressed by your education in the field of social work. Your leadership and expertise in addressing homelessness and drug addiction in our communities is crucial for creating a "more perfect union" within the realms of SLC and beyond. I believe that addressing such issues is key to redistributing equality to all Utahans and especially our POC friends in SLC. Today, I would ask that you use your influence and your expertise in social work to redistribute police funds to community oriented programming for areas, like our shared West Side community, that have large populations of Black, Hispanic, First Nation, and Pacific Islander ethnic heritages. I believe that the best way to address crime is to first curtail the factors that create it. Poverty and homelessness share the greater onus of crime causal factors in our neighborhoods, furthermore, mental illness and drug addiction should not be a criminal matter, it should be the responsibility of our community at large to address. I would like to see greater funding for education, substance abuse prevention/treatment, and literacy programs for residents of SLC. I would also like to see greater funding to help SLC residents who are experiencing homelessness and especially those with the additional burdens of mental illness. My neighborhood specifically, (800 S 900 W) has quite a few homeless and obviously mentally afflicted people. It breaks my heart to see them everyday screaming at the sky when we live in such an affluent state. The police are not equipped to handle such delicate matters; no amount of body cams or tazers can confront such illnesses of the human spirit. I do not advocate for disbanding the police entirely, I think that much of what we are asking the SLCPD to do should be addressed by a independent organization composed of social workers, interventionists, conflict negotiators, and outreach specialists. With your help, Councilman Johnston, I believe that our city and municipality is capable of becoming the standard for other cities in this nation to look toward for an example of compassionate leadership. My core personal philosophy is based around the notion that diversity in our communities is our greatest strength, and we are only as strong as our weakest members. I have seen your record and I think that
6/16/2020 11:51	Morgan Garner	Hi, my name is Morgan Garner and I just wanted to say that I fully support the new increased police budget.

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6/16/2020 11:55	Sarah Alicandro	The police department does not need any additional funding. Any increases to that budget should be diverted to other public institutions, such as libraries, parks, community outreach, urban greening, education.
6/16/2020 11:53	Ben Anklan	I am writing as a concerned citizen of SLC. I encourage you to reallocate a majority of the proposed \$84 million police budget to services such as housing, healthcare, education, parks, or anything that actually serves the community rather than harms it. I am extremely concerned about the militarization of the police force and the lack of accountability for improper use of force. Please follow Campaign Zero's recommendations for limiting use of force and ending for-profit policing. Police should not have quotas to meet for tickets and arrests, and the police department itself should bear the cost of police misconduct.
6/16/2020 12:03	Aseeya Grant	I am writing to you today in regards to the proposed FY 2020-2021 Salt Lake County budget. I strongly urge you to use your vote to reallocate funds away from the SLCPD. I was born and raised in Salt Lake City, UT. I am 23 years old and currently live in the Central City area. As a resident, I am severely concerned about Utah's police brutality rates and excusal of murder, I will not take this time to sit back and not voice my concern. Utah has had a long history of police brutality and violence towards Black community members. This must change. Increasing the SLCPD's budget will only create more police brutality. As a community, we do not need more policing. Why is it that we continue to see police officers excused for murdering our community members? Why is it that our legislature is okay with defunding education, housing, and mental health facilities before the police department? None of these things are okay, we must do something about it. I advocate that you reallocate at least \$30 million away from SLCPD. As a council member you have the ability to amplify the community's voice, please use this. With the high number of messages you have received please, truly listen to why we are reaching out. There needs to be a systematic change if we are ever going to stand a chance against systematic oppression and racism.
6/16/2020 11:56	Eve Rickles	I am a resident of District 5. I am emailing you once again to ask that you cut the SLCPD budget by \$30 million and rel'vest that money into the community. I was so disappointed to learn that after the city council meeting you are now talking about increasing the SLCPD budget. This is not what we asked for. The head of SLCPD doesn't even recognize that there is a problem with systemic racism in his department when Black people make up 1% of the population and 10% of the police murders. This is despicable. The money you are allocating could be going so much farther when I'vested in social work, education, and transportation. Please, do the right thing. Thank you,
6/16/2020 11:56	Anonymous Constituent	please, do not defund the SLC police dept. I work for a high security facility downtown. Without SLC PD we would be vulnerable to an attack. we need this police department!

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6/16/2020 11:57	Russ Wood	Austin, I just saw that the city council is actually talking about INCREASING the police department budget by even more than originally planned. This is NOT what the people want or need. Please urge Rep. Wharton to oppose the budget increase that results in more body cams, tasers, and police car technology. Please urge Rep. Wharton to oppose spending on de-escalation training and hiring more officers. PLEASE urge Rep. Wharton to instead demand the council cut the budget by at least \$30 million and focus that money on social services and community strengthening programs. We have so much evidence that the types of policereforms the council is proposing do NOT help people and at-risk communities will continue to suffer at the hands of a racist police system if we continue to fund the department in our city. Thank you for your time, Russ Wood

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6/16/2020 11:58	Cathy Rockwell	<p>Please don't make any hasty decisions about "defunding" our police force based on who yells the loudest or causes the most disruption with marches and demonstrations. The cruel and senseless act of one rogue Minneapolis policeman has nothing to do with Salt Lake City, so it should not even be considered in SLC decision making. We need the police. They're not perfect - no-one is - but for the most part they do a lot of good serving and saving the public. For example, the death toll during the Trolley Square shooting would have been much higher if not for a policeman who cornered and shot the shooter. He was in fact off duty, and not in his own jurisdiction, so he didn't have to get involved. Then there was the 1994 hostage crisis at the SLC Main Library, in which a man armed with a gun and a bomb took people hostage. A courageous sheriff's deputy allowed himself to be taken hostage as well. The police patiently negotiated with the hostage-taker for hours - which goes to show that the police aren't violent, trigger-happy thugs that shoot for the fun of it - and it wasn't until the hostage-taker was on the verge of starting to kill hostages that the sheriff's deputy acted to shoot and kill him. Then there were the Lasley sisters, who in 2015 were about to be murdered by a home invader, when an officer hearing their screams rushed in and shot him dead as he was about to cut the throat of one of the sisters. There are the officers who rush into burning buildings before the Fire Dept. can arrive to save people. There are those who dive into cold, dangerous waters to rescue people in submerged cars. And in addition to these heroic acts that make the news, there are the countless, everyday acts of service that the police perform - from finding lost children and adults with dementia, checking out burglar alarms and responding to reports of break-ins and car prowls, dealing with traffic accidents; not to mention dealing with domestic violence cases and facing armed and dangerous criminals, never knowing, when they report to work, whether that day will be their last. I could go on and on. But let me repeat: we NEED the police. Just because I and the majority of SLC's citizens are not out there marching and yelling doesn't mean we don't care. We do. We want our police. We want them to have the support and funding they need to do their job. So please - sit back, take a deep breath, cover your ears so you can think with people yelling in them, and do the right thing. Fund our police.</p>

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6/16/2020 12:04	Chad Anderson	I would like to thank you for your time and patience during all that is going on. I listened to the Public Comments that were made during the counsel meeting on June 9th and felt I should send you mine. I bell've the police are tasked with a very difficult job, and most do this with great care and skill. Taking away from or reducing the police budget would not improve the outcomes, but would cause a greater problem. Keeping this important discussion going as we work on new city law enforcement policies would bring us closer to a peaceable solution we can all live with. Thank you again for all you do. -- Chad Anderson Resident District 7
6/16/2020 12:04	Conrad T	3- NO new police hiring in 2021! We don't need more police. We need more community resources. Period. I'vest in the front end of solving the problems which lead people to crime. Do NOT I'vest in the organization which has already been weaponized with military-grade weapons and only understands FORCE as a tool to control situations. Our goal should be to have zero police encounters in our community, and hiring more police does not accomplish that. 4- RE-ALLOCATE AT LEAST \$30 million dollars from the SLCPD budget to community-building services that are NOT the police department. Affordable housing, accessible mental health care, education (Utah is already astronomically underfunded here), etc.. As a resident of your district I am demanding you speak up on behalf of our city and listen to what is being asked of you and your . Our city deserves better. Best, Conrad Tallackson On Fri, Jun 12, 2020 at 10:27 AM Conrad T. <ctallackson.44@gmail.com> wrote: Hello, My Name is Conrad Tallackson and I am a resident of District Four in Salt Lake City. I have been a Salt Lake City Resident for eight years and love this city with my entire heart. What I do not love is hearing that you and your fellow District Reps are fully ignoring the influx of communication you have received in the last two weeks demanding the following: 1- NO more spending on body cameras, tasers, or police technology. I do not want to see more body camera footage of police unlawfully killing my fellow Salt Lake City residents. I do NOT want to see more technology given to the SLCPD 2- NO new spending for de-escalation training. Calling the SLCPD in the first place is already an escalation of most situations they are called into. By I'vesting in de-escalation training we are I'vesting in a safety net for the police to fall back on when they fail to de-escalate and kill someone. "The training didn't work" simply cannot be an option.

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6/16/2020 12:09	Caroline Wallace	I live in Milcreek, and I work in downtown Salt Lake City. I am writing to you today because I am absolutely astonished that this City Council has proposed to increase the police budget. This is not the right decision! This is only going to allow the police to further hurt our community! I disagree wholeheartedly with this and propose that instead, you do the right thing for our community and propose to do the following: - No spending on body cameras, or police car technology. - No spending on de escalation training - No new hires in the department for the next year - \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department You must take this as an opportunity to LISTEN to your community.
6/16/2020 12:13	Ashley Engeler	I'm writing to express extreme disappointment in the council's decision to increase the police budget for initiatives that have proven, time and again, not to work. They didn't work after Rodney King. Or Eric Garner. Or Michael Brown. Or Darrien Hunt. Should I keep listing? Increasing body cams will not keep them from turning them off. Committing to de-escalation "training" (may I remind you, Minneapolis did that too) will not keep police from breaking the rules. You have at your hands a police chief in denial that systemic racism even exists in his department, which gives me little to no confidence that even if reform strategies did prove to work, he would not approach them with the vigilance needed to achieve true change. You have an opportunity to work with your community to build a model for something safer. Instead, you are paternalistically making decisions on the predicate that you "know better." Shame on you. The police chief of Camden, New Jersey was recently quoted saying he would gladly trade ten officers for a Boys and Girls Club. He understands the concept of community investment. Why can't we? Trust your community. Trust that your community knows it's own needs. Work with the community to get those met.Reduce police funding, by at least 30 million, and invest in your community. Otherwise, calling yourselves representatives is an opportunistic lie. Thank you.
6/16/2020 12:12	Anonymous Constituent	please, do not defund the police.
6/16/2020 12:24	Nichole Johnson	Please do not cut the police departments budget.

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6/16/2020 12:15	Merlene Huggins	<p>To begin my letter, I'd like to express my appreciation for all that you do to help build the community and make it a better place. Thank you for your service and time spent in bettering the city of salt lake. As a concerned citizen, I've been seeing the protests and riots provoked by the Death of George Floyd, and feel that the majority of the problem results in mistrust. Mistrust is simply just a lack of communication between two parties. Mistrust coupled with the mistreatment of an individual, and the hysteria of mass media leads to additional outbreaks of violence. We may not be able to reduce the mistreatment of others, such as the case of George Floyd, nor can we change the ever negative perspective of the media, but we can build trust. I know that racism is a real problem, but I also know that hatred can't defeat hatred. I hope salt lake can be the change in the world in regards to this everpressing problem. I feel moved to suggest ways to improve the trust between police and the overall communities in where they serve and hopefully this problem can decrease as we develop an ever more serving community. I have three suggestions that the police and the city government should consider. My first suggestion regards a positive police presence in schools. Now, I am not just talking about putting a security guard in school, I am suggesting an assembly or some way the policeman can personally get to know the students, and express the idea that police should be trusted and that they have the general well being of the community on their minds. As students get to know the police, and feel that they can trust them as a whole, the rising generation will begin to rely on police and crime as a whole should reduce as trust in the protecting arm of the law increases. My second idea stems from our right to speech. I bell've a community gathering or rally could spark the people of that community to voice their opinions, and concerns which would allow the police and the city government to be better equipped to address those problems. In addition to public forums, these gatherings would encourage a list of people in need of service in that area. don'tion boxes, or service ideas, or ways to improve the community could be introduced in these gatherings to provide additional means to build trust and support of police and local government in these communities.*Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Merlene Huggins	<p>*Continued 2/2* My last idea is simply service. A service approach to this problem will greatly increase the overall trust of the communities and greatly strengthen the communities as a whole. Police should have volunteer time or take time from their free time to get to know personally and serve the people around their areas. People in need could be found out about from suggestions from the community, and police could serve the suggested in need person. Apart from that, the city could organize events to promote don'tions, service, food drives, and the such to help the people in need, minor ethnicities, or generally welfare of the people. Police should be involved in said activities to increase trust. I appreciate you taking the time to read my ideas, and I hope you will consider them, and come up with others to help improve trust between police, local government, and the people they serve. Hopefully, salt lake city can be an example to the other cities around our country of approaches to reduce the tension and hatred between minorities and police. Racism is a result of misunderstanding, and I truly hope that one day we can say that all lives matter, but we truly won't as long as we don't have communication with one another and try to help eachother out. If there is anyway to help with this problem of racism, or mistrust between the members of our community, let me know, I'd really love to help out. I hope that these ideas can be of use to you. Take care, and understand that you are appreciated,</p>

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6/16/2020 12:18	Anonymous Constituent	<p>I am writing this to urge you not to defund the police department. This whole situation has gone overboard. The horrible thing that happened in Minnesota did not happen anywhere in Utah, so why are our officers paying for it? Is democracy lost? Rather than voting on an issue, the city council will give in to protesters throwing tantrums, and at times becoming violent? They are focusing on tearing America down, not building it up. Are the people who are out on the street protesting for 2 weeks straight paying taxes? Also, are you aware that in the past 2 weeks, at least 18 officers (probably many more) have been killed by these ?peaceful protesters?? Are you aware that several of those officers are black? Why do their lives not matter as much as anyone else?s? Why aren?t people protesting for 2 weeks straight for them? There is a very large silent majority in America who has not taken part of these protests. Mainly, because we are every day citizens who are not violent, and do not want confrontation. However, we are growing tired, and angry. As a part of this silent majority I am executing my right to free speech; which so far has been reserved for those holding bricks, and Molotov cocktails. The SLC Council is giving in to mob mentality. Do not make a rash decision, to appease the protests. Instead, do the smart thing and have the public vote for what they want. There are millions of people watching this situation unfold, and think it is insane that you would give into these demands. I want to point out any type of discrimination is wrong. Discrimination is defined as the unjust or prejudicial treatment of different categories of people or things. That includes police officers. The four evil men that committed this crime in MN do not reflect the hundreds of thousands of officers who put their lives on the line every single day to protect us. I implore you to think very carefully when you have your formal discussion later today. I can only hope and pray that you will look for reasoning and logic behind implementing the defund police demands, in a state that is innocent of this crime. Lastly, I should not have to say this, but I hope you keep in mind that America is a democracy!</p>

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6/16/2020 12:18	Jonathan Hanson	I noticed the police budget was increased by almost 20% last year from 70 Million per annum in 2019 to 82 Million in 2020. How have our police been performing to receive that large of a budget increase? Of 16 murders committed in SLC in 2019 police resolved only 7 in arrests and committed 2 of them. 1 of those police shootings is still under review and involved a mental health crisis which was "solved" by our police with the use of firearms, leaving a known mentally ill man who needed our help dead. Of 23 Sexual Assault cases, only 5 were resolved with arrests. And of 41 Robberies only 12 were resolved with arrests. Police are NOT solving or preventing the most harmful, worrisome crimes in our communities. We do need armed community soldiers for violent standoffs and felonies in progress and for crowd control and other purposes. But do we need armed community soldiers to perform traffic stops, pick up shoplifters from businesses who have already detained them with their own security, manage mental health crises, take reports on crimes already committed where no current threat exists, and especially to waste resources and time fighting a losing war on drugs and homelessness which ends up being a war on impoverished people who need treatment not jail? Couldn't we reallocate some of that proposed 84 million and use it to reduce the number of and increase the training of our armed forces? Could we not require that an officer with a firearm and the power and discretion to search and seize and arrest, have at least a 2 year associates degree with a strong focus in behavioral and developmental psychology and sociology? And couldn't we use that smaller force of armed and well educated officers ONLY in situations that need an armed community soldiers type response? Could we not also build up teams of specially trained social workers and interventionists and traffic patrolers and use reallocated resources to connect evidence based therapies, interventions, and solutions with the related needs and problems in the community? With Sincere thanks and appreciation for your consideration and service- Jon Hanson 801-891-6479
6/16/2020 12:18	Anonymous Constituent	To cut the already underfunded departments seems arbitrary and like a Hail Mary to please the public. Instead propose to provide more trainings for the officers and their correspondents to better handle all situations. In the mean time try to find ways to temporarily offer relief and help in situations that officers may not have the training for yet. There is always room for improvement in departments (police, social work, corrections, etc.) However, I don't bell've further cutting budgets will solve any of this. We as a public and those in Government offices need to try to better educate each other and remember that any change takes time. That l'vestigations time and to have patience while skill keeping each other in check.

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6/16/2020 12:20	Melissa Stewart	My thoughts on the new budget is that the efforts do not go far enough. Adding tasers and body cams are an additional expense to tax payers and have not shown to be effective in reducing excessive force by police officers. I look forward to hearing more about how SLC and the surrounding areas plan to l'vest money in alternatives to traditional policing. I.e. more social workers, more access to social programs and resources, more access to affordable housing.
6/16/2020 12:27	Darius Bost	Dear Mayor and City Council, I listened today at the mayor's request to the RadioWest interview to see what you all were up to regarding requests to defund the police. Throughout her portion of the show the mayor continued to reiterate that she and the council were "listening" to constituents. Yet it'seems like what the council heard was that the idea for a \$30 million dollar budget cut "came out of thin air," and is a "knee jerk reaction" to a broader system of injustice that would take time to address. This is true, and perhaps we did not break down that number for you. But the focus on that point draws attention away from the fact that you were overwhelmingly asked by your constituents to cut the budget and fire the police chief. Community members have given very specific requests for change and nothing in your budget discussions seem to reflect these points. So why focus on the number and not on the fact that people asked for less policing and more community-centered initiatives? Maybe this is because you all have faith that Mike Brown's "heart is in the right place." But Black and Brown Americans have been waiting on white American hearts to change since Gunnar Myrdal wrote An American Dilemma in 1940. We can no longer afford to WAIT on change in white People's heart, and that includes Chief Mike Brown and the majority of his officers. How many lives will be lost at the hands of police while we wait to make more "incremental" change? Chief Brown's racist response to the question of defunding cemented my lack of faith in him, and made me question yours. When asked about defunding his department, he said that people of color are overwhelmingly victims of violent crime and therefore a reduction in the budget would therefore exacerbate this issue. In essence he deployed the "black on black crime" response to divert the question away from the reality that police officers are often the victimizers of people of color. Yet the protections police officers are afforded by the state means that these actions are very rarely considered violent crime. And this is the fundamental problem the protestors are trying to confront. *Continued 1/2*

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	Darius Bost	Continued 2/2* You might have faith in Chief Brown, but we, the people, do not. His interview, however sympathetic his performance, reaffirmed the fears that many people have about what the police think about communities of color, and why they no longer want to partner with the police or have their communities patrolled by them. I came away from the interview feeling that the council understood the protests as scripted, irrational, and expecting, as professor LaShawn Williams so callously put it, "a sl'ver bullet." But what we want is meaningful change. None of the bullet points listed in the budget or in the mayor's tweet seem meaningful to me as a black person who has witnessed a lynching by the police in 2020; who fears being racially profiled, stopped, and possibly killed simply because I'm black. People are demanding justice for the dead and that you should be focused on, not on the arbitrariness of a dollar amount that the community requested. Regarding the increased reporting: what purpose does it'serve to simply collect information about the past and future dead, rather than prevent further deaths? Why spend more money on community policing when it has not worked to prevent deaths in other cities? What is the purpose of civilian review boards when they have little decision-making power over the fate of the police? Why even discuss a ban on chokeholds and tear gas as some kind of meaningful change if they are already prohibited? Since the conversation is about transparency, you all need to be transparent about why you have decided to side with the police over the people, the taxpayers, that they (and you) are supposed to serve. If that radio interview was supposed to give me some surety that you are listening, it did not. Rather than focus on unified talking points that make protestors seem irrational, what aspects of their requests can you fulfill so they feel like meaningful change will come out of this tragedy and rebellion? I have attended multiple protests where leaders have listed very clear changes that could be made. Why doesn't your budget reflect those? Are you really listening to us, or are you concerned about appeasing the police? In Anger, Darius Bost

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6/16/2020 12:30	Eve Cohen	I have written to you a number of times over the last few weeks. Thank you for hearing me and for demonstrating that you are hearing all of us with the changes you are recommending to the police budget in response to the protests and public comments on the 2020-2021 budget. I want to remind you again that the data around harm reduction in policing shows us that these tactics don't work. The only way to ensure that we reduce the impact of police violence in our communities is to defund and dismantle the police department. Banning choke holds does not stop police officers from using them to kill Black men. Banning use of deadly force with certain exceptions does not stop officers IN THIS CITY from shooting a 22 year old man in the back 20 times in the back and killing him. I don't know about you, but the idea that an employee of mine could make a mistake that would lead to the death of a 22 year old and that mistake would be covered by one of the policies that I enacted/allowed to continue on my watch makes me want to vomit. Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal's death is on your hands too. And by waiting to defund the police department you are saying that it is ok if that happens to another woman's child. It is not ok. He is not the only person who has been killed by the SLCPD. This department cannot be allowed to continue and for citizens of color in SLC to live in fear. Please, please show us you feel the same and you care about everyone's right to live and flourish in this city. Please please consider all the ways we can work quickly to ensure that we put an end to these deaths. Please work harder to make a vibrant, diverse SLC our reality.
6/16/2020 12:30	Jesse Deveraux	The police do not need tanks. They do not need military style gear/clothing or training. Their cars/clothing are made to indimidate and threaten, not serve an protect. Please divert funding and resources to non-sworn, trained civilian personnel who can assist with the majority of calls/complaints/requests. Please create a section of the police dedicated to helping people gain access to mental health/crisis counselors, food assistance, housing needs and other benefits. Train sworn police officers on de escalation tactics, risk mitigation, use of non threatening assistance. De codify ordinance/statutes that are designed to intimidade and harrass the homeless, poor and people of color. Get rid of mandatory minimum sentance and utilize diversion sentencing. Thanks!

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6/16/2020 12:34	Tyson Whitney	Defunding the police is essential to community enhancement. there's no reason to give the police force that much money when our education system is one of the worst in the country. also, you'd have more money for affordable housing. which we had before 2008, and when that went away, homeless population went up. also, there should be a major focus on the arts. there is hardly any art programs or funding programs for artists around slc. we are all tired of seeing OUR tax dollars allocated to the police when they do not protect and serve. they just collect revenue and harass lower class citizens. and you know it. there's no reason to have militarized police forces. this isn't a battleground. this is our home. Police are dangerous and extremely improperly trained. quit funding their horrendous crimes. such as shooting Bernardo in the back 20+ times. which none of those officers have been charged. and in the mean time you're all on some personal vengeance against some people who flipped a cop car. threatening them with life in prison and you won't even give a pedophile a year in prison. obviously there's something wrong here and you are all in the center of it. stop hiding and do what's right. I can't believe you'd seek vengeance for a cop car that tax payers paid for but leave murdering officers unchecked and on the force. you are ridiculous. defund the police. fire chief Mike Brown for his filthy lies "there was an officer in the car as it was burning" what a fucking criminal thing to say.
6/16/2020 12:44	Parker Rae Winchester	Hi Chris, My name is Parker Winchester. I am an SLC resident. I attend the University of Utah and am working towards a degree in Elementary Education. I am emailing about last Tuesday's virtual public meeting addressing the proposal of defunding the police department. After the outpour of demands from residents to reallocate \$30 million dollars out of the proposed \$84 million budget for police funding, I am disheartened to hear that you have decided to increase the proposed budget. As a future educator and a human with a moral compass I demand that the increase of funding being moved to the non-departmental budget for the purpose of "more transparency" is reallocated into community building services outside of the police department. I demand no spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. I demand no spending on de-escalation training for police officers. I demand no new hires in the police department this year. I demand that \$30 million dollars from the proposed budget is reallocated into services which actually protect and serve members of our community such as mental health services/counseling, affordable housing, accessible healthcare, and public education. Thank you for listening to my concerns. I hope you consider these requests and listen to the voices of your constituents during this time. Sincerely, Parker Winchester

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6/16/2020 12:46	Jayla Pike	slcpd has done nothing to "protect and serve" our community. they're a bunch of racist bullies and I'm tired of seeing more of my tax dollars funneled into the murder and incarceration of people of color, homeless people, impoverished people, and addicts in my city. take away their funding now!
6/16/2020 12:43	Amy Meyer	Cities around the country are rapidly responding with meaningful steps toward justice for George Floyd, Brianna Taylor, and the countless other black people killed by cops in the US. it's time for SLC to step up. SLCPD doesn't need more money, even if for small reforms like trainings. Trainings, like the ones Black Lives Matter Utah is pushing for, need to come out of the existing budget. Reallocate SLCPD funding to services that truly benefit and support our community.
6/16/2020 12:47	Karly Tingey	Dear Councilwoman Fowler, I understand that, in response to the public's demand for decreasing the SLCPD's proposed budget by \$30 million, the council has decided to increase the proposed budget by over \$1 million. I ask you: how is this representation? We are in the midst of a global movement to deeply reevaluate and restructure policing practices and departments, and ignoring that call does not seem like the right thing to do. We demand: 1. No spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology 2. No spending on de-escalation training 3. No new police hires for the next year 4. A \$30 million budget CUT, where that money is redirected to community-building services outside of the police department. Why don't we just try it? There will always be a supply of power-hungry abusive men to rebuild a police force if things "go wrong." I hope Salt Lake can be on the right side of history and set an example for other cities that defunding the police is effective and necessary to progress into a future where all people are treated with compassion and respect, rather than violence and prejudice. Thank you.

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6/16/2020 13:02	Katherine Schweiner	<p>Councilman Johnston, Please read through this entire email, as I wrote it from my heart, after weeks and weeks of deeply educating myself. My name is Katie Schweiner, and I am a resident of Salt Lake City, District 2. I am writing to you in regards to the proposed SLC 2020-2021 budget. I was one of the hundreds of Salt Lake citizens who participated in the public virtual council meeting last Tuesday, June 9th, and one of the hundreds of voices that demanded a reduction in the SLCPD new fiscal year's budget. To witness the response to these demands being to increase the SLCPD budget is truly disheartening and angering. I have read your words, and I understand that you understand - something needs to be done to change our system. I am one of millions of educated folks across the country who know that police officers are NOT equipped to deal with the wide variety of issues that exist in our communities, that they are constantly abusing their power and getting away with it, and that reforming? the police department and ?making sure policing is fair? is ignoring our demands and allowing for the perpetuation of police brutality. I demand that there is NO spending on body cams, tasers, police car technology, de-escalation training, or new hires for the next year. We need notreform, but defund the police. Defunding the police does not mean eliminating the police, at least not yet. It means reallocating some of the money from a currently overly-funded (overwhelmed, incapable, largely unproductive, and often deadly) department to other currently underfunded yetessential services, such as housing, education, and health care services. I know that you understand the importance of each of these services, as you have spent ?20 years working with issues of homelessness, mental health, and addiction,?</p> <p>*Continued 1/2*</p>
	Katherine Schweiner	<p>*Continued 2/2* and pledge to work ?for affordability in housing and transportation within Salt Lake City as the foundation for our future growth.? Please, Councilman Johnston, hear our voices and use your voice and your knowledge to encourage Mayor Mendenhall to make the just decision here. I want to live in a city where our homeless folks are attended to, where all of our children have equal access to a diverse and quality education, where those experiencing mental health crises have a solid support system with solid resources to help them heal, where those struggling with addiction have a way out with the help of a holistic health care system, and where the citizens of the city feel PROUD of their representatives and PROUD to be a part of it all. I say ?our? because we are supposed to be in this together. You are our councilman. We are your citizens. We are your neighbors. These folks struggling with homelessness, mental health issues, addiction, and barriers to education are YOUR neighbors and we are looking to you to help amplify our voices so that we can create a more functional and just system for this city. Please speak up, Councilman Johnston. Sincerely, Katie Schweiner</p>

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6/16/2020 13:32	Emily Lyver	We are not asking for policereform. We do not want more training and more spent on body cameras. These strategies do not work. Please consider this short article from the New York Times on the topic. We do not simply want to abolish the police, we want to rel'vest the money we spend on the police in building safe communities that don't require policing. There are other ways, better ways, of keeping our city'safe. it's time to think differently and act differently. It is so very clear that the systems we have relied on until now are dangerous and ineffective. Now is the time to imagine a better future. You all have the power to begin this process.I implore you to reconsider your budget and move at least \$30 million dollars away from the police department and into constructive services, like affordable housing, community health care, and transportation. Please help us build a better, safer future and defund the police.
6/16/2020 13:19	Lucy Nelson	Hello, My name is Lucy Nelson and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the year. Sincerely, Lucy Nelson Sent from my iPhone
6/16/2020 13:20	Lydia Keenan	District Representative Wharton, I am writing to you again to ask that you reconsider the budget changes that have been proposed for the 2020-2021 Salt Lake City budget. Although I do agree that abolishing and completely defunding the police immediately is difficult and radical - I do bell've allocating significantly less money to the police and rel'vesting that money into other areas of our city is of the utmost importance. After the previous City Council meeting and comment period, it was decided to l'vest in measures and procedures that have been shown to be ineffective (increased de-escalation trainings, more body cameras, additional technology). While these have been proposed to solve police violence in the past, it is cleary time for more drastic change. We have a unique position as a growing city in a small state, and we have a growing population of diversity. Please consider rel'vesting a significant amount of the police budget into housing programs, youth engagement, homeless assistance, increased training for EMS and social work services, etc. There are many beautiful things about this city and I would love to see the leadership reflect that. Lydia Keenan (District 3 resident)

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6/16/2020 13:21	Madison Donnelly	<p>Hi all, I am a former library worker at the Marriott Library at the University of Utah. Along with several other librarians, I have begun to collect precedents and ideas for how we can reroute the SLCPD's funding into community programs that prevent crime and help our most underserved community members. I've attached a PDF with all of this info, and will also list links below. * CAHOOTS, a "mobile crisis intervention service integrated into Eugene, OR's public safety plan <https://kval.com/news/local/petition-to-shift-part-of-epd-budget-to-cahoots-picks-up-steam-in-eugene-06-09-2020> . In the CAHOOTS van, a medic and a mental health crisis manager respond to emergency calls for help with individuals suffering from severe mental illness, addiction and homelessness. The mobile crisis intervention unit also performs welfare checks and works with nonprofits to offer suicide intervention and prevention. <https://whitebirdclinic.org/services/cahoots/> *</p> <p>(PAM) Psychiatric Emergency Response Team in Sweden <https://www.researchgate.net/publication/313722182_First-year_follow-up_of_the_Psychiatric_Emergency_Response_Team_PAM_in_Stockholm_County_Sweden_A_descriptive_study> . In Sweden these emergency cases are traditionally handled by the police, though suggestions have been made to involve trained health professionals, thus improving the quality of care provided, as well as minimizing stigmatization of patients with psychiatric problems. * As of 6/12/20, San Francisco police officers will be replaced with trained, unarmed professionals to respond to calls for help on noncriminal matters <https://sfmayor.org/article/mayor-london-breed-announces-roadmap-new-policereforms> involving mental health, the homeless, school discipline and neighbor disputes. * Donna Baluchi, a librarian of the Eccles Health Sciences Library has also written something on the nature of homelessness and policing in Utah, and what resources we need more of. I've attached this as well. Please consider these as some alternatives to funding the SLCPD in 2020-2021.*Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Madison Donnelly	<p>*Continued 2/2*I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black and Brown people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,</p>
6/16/2020 13:35	Merlene Huggins	<p>I am a resident of Salt Lake City and I am emailing today in support of the Hands Up Act. Right now there is no automatic sentence for police officers who shoot unarmed citizens. After the unnecessary deaths of numerous unarmed citizens, there needs to be a punishment set in place or I?m afraid it will never stop. As a citizen in your state I hope you will consider the Hands Up Act?created by Travis Washington?which sets a mandatory sentence of 15 years in prison for an officer who shoots an unarmed citizen. I strongly support this act and hope you, as a representation of the people of Utah, will too.</p>

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6/16/2020 13:27	Tana Frechem	I just wanted to reach out via email as well to talk a little about the budget. I appreciate the direction we're moving, especially the potential move toward a zero-based budget analysis and such for the police department. I'm also STRONGLY in favor of moving some (or a lot, hah) of responsibilities for community care away from the PD. Those are really positive directions. I also just want to reiterate something I've noted on the phone a few times now, as well as an idea that's shared on the council budget page: "Please stick with us in this conversation and recognize that the budget adoption isn't an endpoint, but a starting point." I agree that this budget should be a starting point ? not an ending point. The budget y'all approve today should be a modest amount that can be worked up from as it's merited. \$80MM, to me, feels like an endpoint that we'd have to walk back from. I would ask that some of that money be redirected to give other sectors in order to give them a better starting point. Transit and care for our unsheltered population are two things that are so important to me right now. I lost my job because of COVID-19, and I would like to feel like my community has my back even if the economy doesn't recover quick enough and my unemployment outlasts Utah's UI benefits. I would like to feel that I would still be cared for and cared about, even if I didn't have a house or a car or easy access to internet to write these sorts of emails.
6/16/2020 13:30	Debra Tueller Sauers	Seems like it would be a good idea to set a pot of money aside to train the mayor and council how not to perpetuate implicit bias against a group of people , i.e. law enforcement officers without any facts. What the mayor and council are doing is blaming a group of people for all of the problems, instead of saying it is a multifacited issue. What is happening with our pandering politicians has scary parallels to what Hitler did by blaming the Jewish community for all of society's ills.
6/16/2020 13:32	matthew whitehead	SLPD should not get more funding or new toys until they inprove the ways they use the ones they have. Black and brown people deserve respect. peaceful protestors deserve respect. until the use of force policies are revamped to reduce violence against black and brown people, out that money to better uses. towards mental health care, towards social workers and towards housing.
6/16/2020 13:34	Marianne Amatangelo	
6/16/2020 13:36	Avrey Ovard	With defunding the police by \$30 million dollars, we could l'vest in issues around poverty, mental illness, substance abuse and housing. SLC has a large homeless population. With \$30M we could change so much in SLC.

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6/16/2020 13:37	Alex Jones	and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've we I'vest far too many funds into an organization that is taking innocent lives. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in helping ease the burden of your citizens? lives during this pandemic.
6/16/2020 13:38	Tammy Rasmussen	PLEASE.... Do not defund the city's police force! If need be, put MORE funding into the police to ensure they have all the additional training they need. It would be a complete knee-jerk reaction to defund the police and would ultimately be the demise of the city. Other cities look to SLC as an example. BE the example we all need! Do NOT defund the police! Please.

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6/16/2020 13:39	David Fernandez	Detective Bishop, I saw you were on Next-door trying to engage in a civil discourse. You are a brave man. I am not a fan of social media for engaging people to discuss their differences. The technology can be hijacked to easily by people who are just interested in creating dissent on both sides. I'll get to that in a moment. I do read the posts from people to try to get an understanding of what is occurring in the neighborhood. Pre-Covid I've actually reached out to some of the people to engage them face to face. A lot can happen over a cup of coffee. The other reason I view this site is to get an idea of the crime that is occurring in Highland Park. I bell've the main type of crime that is occurring day to day in my neighborhood is what you described as ?car prowls?. Currently, my air conditioning is broken. Consequently, I have my doors open more often than I would during the summer. I also have a somewhat neurotic dog, who barks at all threats real or imaginary. It is surprising to me how many people have shown up on my porch just ?looking? around. Not to racial profile, but all of these people have been white. People of color would attract a lot of attention in this neighborhood. I have been robbed 5 times since I have lived here. Of those robberies I only reported only one. Most of the time the items taken were small and not noticed for a couple of days, sunglasses, small gifts, etc. The last time was the day after the riots in downtown Salt Lake and I bell've it occurred during the mid morning just prior to taking my dog out for a walk. I might have left my car unlocked from the night before when I was rushed getting back from my friend?s house to beat the curfew. When I was walking down Hartford the next morning I noticed a gray Toyota pull out and leave in a hurry. I didn?t give it much thought until I remembered a post about a ?Look Out for this Guy and his truck? which had a poor picture of a man who had followed a woman home. The post had been taken down because of a derogative police remark made from a person on Reddit. Given that site?s right wing base, it'seemed to me that comment was made to intentionally hijack the post and get the picture removed. Then again I might be suffering from Covid Stay at Home Induced Conspiracy Theory. Yesterdays? *Continued 1/2*

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	David Fernandez	<p>*Continued 2/2* ?Stay Alert!? post gave me a chill that is not related to the strange times that we are living in. The one robbery I did report was a robbery inside my house which occurred on 10/29/13 case #13-173176. The robber stole a lot of miscellaneous items with a value of approximately \$4500.00. Two lever action rifles which were stolen had more sentimental value to me than their monetary worth. Seven months after the robbery, the detective on the case called to inform me that one of the rifles had been located at a Pawn shop on State Street. Eventually, the thief was charged on case #14015425. The relevance to the current times is that the person who tried to pawn the rifle was Blair Allred. Yes, connected to that Allred family. I found out later that his Modus operandi was to get work as a maintenance man in Highland Park and steal from the surrounding houses. I am relaying this to you to see if there is any connection to Daniel Allred the lady talked to in her post. I also, wanted to commend you on trying to engage the public on the De-fund the Police movement. I still can?t figure out if that name came from a right wing troll as bait or an idiotic left wing woke think tank. Either one is just as bad. I do know that in the coming year we are all going to have to learn to make do with less. An unsettling circumstance for all of us. Even if the times allowed us the luxury of dismantling the Salt Lake Police Department and starting over as some have suggested I would not be in favor of it. However, I agree that there are many issues your department is being asked to do that should be reassigned. Enforcing speed limits on Parkway, Stratford or 2700 S seems like a job better suited for a camera with all the proceeds going to the local schools, churches and daycare centers on those streets. Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns. I also included the members of the Salt Lake City Council to give them something else to contemplate on their upcoming budget vote. I didn?t have Chief Brown?s email, but you might want to forward this to him Regards, David Fernandez</p>

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6/16/2020 13:57	Chantel Cook	I am shocked to hear the decision from Salt Lake’s city council to increase the police budget. This proposal demonstrates a complete lack of understanding about what the citizens of Salt Lake and our nation as a whole are desperately asking for. Increasing the police budget is throwing money at a problem. It is dumping money into a failed institution. Next year when the next budget is proposed it will likely be even larger and who knows if those increased funds will continue to go to reform? or once the spotlight is off, be funneled into military equipment. Policing in the United States is broken and Salt Lake City is not immune to that. We the people are asking our representatives to have some political courage, and instead of doing what we have done before (minor, ineffective, incremental reform that requires massive police budget increases) to try something new. REDUCE THE POLICE BUDGET BY \$30 MILLION. This is the police budget of 2013. The proposed budget (before the newest increases) is 37% higher than the 2013 police budget. Have we reduce crime by 37% since then? Is there any demonstrable evidence that an increase in the police budget has lead to a safer, healthier, more vibrant city? Money is power. We the people want to see more power given to the people in order to build and protect their own communities and less money given to an authoritarian organization that does not answer directly to the people. MONEY IS POWER. Giving money to the police in any capacity gives the police more power. DECREASE THE POLICE BUDGET. Have a spine and stand up to the police. It is your sworn responsibility to listen to your constituents. DECREASE THE POLICE BUDGET THIS YEAR. District 3
6/16/2020 14:22	Rebeca Lira	Reallocate funds to non violent avenues to help the community. The police are violent, and should only be needed to confront violent offenders, and nothing else. Domestic disputes, or traffice violations should be handled by non armed personell. city's street clean ups after accidents should be handled by non armed personell. More counselors in schools, more mental health programs. Community outreach programs to help people. People do care about their neighbors they are just scared all the time because one phone call to the police can equal death for innocent lives. This cannot continue.
6/16/2020 14:31	Brim Custen	I am writing as a concerned citizen of SLC. I encourage you to reallocate a majority of the proposed \$84 million police budget to services such as housing, healthcare, education, parks, or anything that actually serves the community rather than harms it. I am extremely concerned about the militarization of the police force and the lack of accountability for improper use of force. Please follow Campaign Zero's recommendations for limiting use of force and ending for-profit policing. Police should not have quotas to meet for tickets and arrests, and the police department itself should bear the cost of police misconduct.
6/16/2020 9:17	Chelyse Henderson	This is not the right way to keep Salt Lake city'safe and prosperous. Find a Better way. Our Officers are Heroes, and already don't make enough money for the jobs they do.

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6/16/2020 12:55	J P	<p>Mayor and City Council, I wanted to reach out to you and Council members concerning a budget proposal effecting the SLC Police Department. In good conscience, I need to provide a public comment to city council as they consider decisions and discussions relating to proposed budget reduction for SLC Police Department and any potential effects this may have. It is very sad and unacceptable in todays society that we allow those within the media or in a group (with a political agenda) to have the ability of persuasion on a City Mayor and City Council members when creating their fiscal budget, especially foressential departments such as a police department. When budget discussions takes place within City Council meetings, it is important to remember potential end results for: local businesses, citizens, out of state visitors, tourism, active crime, drugs trafficking, police ability to effectively protect and serve their communities and the general atmosphere of the city. There is also a moral obligation to provide necessary protection/equipment to these officers, as they risk their lives each day serving and protecting. Police Officers make it possible for us to live in a community and have a reasonable expectation to feel safe and protected. By decreasing their budget for police officers and this department, you should not expect or assume that citizens would receive the same level of service provided as before. Ultimately the decision of whether or not to proceed with a budget cut, should not be based on rhetoric or any given public dialogue, but on how best to serve the constituents of whom elected you into office. As taxpayers, we want and should expect that the city provide police protection and assurance that officers will be able to respond with necessary support, equipment, and proper training that has been available to them in the past. It is also an obligation, as a governmental representatives, when making these budgeting decisions, it is crucial that you can effectively establish without bias or intent not to make this decision as "a political statement", that said decision would be justified and establish significant evidence that the health safety of the community is well provided. Unequivocal events such as; the recent street demonstrations in SLC put citizens, businesses, and the safety of police at risk. When elected official chose to support those that do not have peaceful intentions and produce radical demonstrations, sends a clear message: it is not a crime to break the law, hurt or destroy property if done for a cause or done during a demonstration. Furthermore, it'suggests that you support this type of behavior if a representatives gives in to enough public panic and paranoia. You job as an official is not to exacerbate a situation by using the phase, "When in Rome". *Continued 1/3*</p>

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	JP	<p>The public does not need to feel that they must do whatever is necessary to protect life and property. Residents need to know that you are working towards restoring balance, even if it is not the current political satire in the news. Right now I do not feel safe or protected by any means and that my elected officials are trying to sell a message that; no matter how hard you work or what you do to contribute to society, if you feel that you are entitled to act out in relation to some injustice somewhere in the country and call it a demonstration, you are then justified to break, injure or steal property. Ordinances are establish by Planning Commission and City Councils to address the needs and concerns of the city. These should not be bypassed by City Council or a Mayor due to the current dialogue injected into the news which ultimately fails to represent the majority of the people. This proposed budget cut is a clear punishment and political message that SLC wants to send out hoping other cities will follow suit. This decision fails to be objective or determined to be a targeted attack on all police officer everywhere. This does not give confidence in our elected officials, it does instill unrest, fear, paranoia, and panic for good law obeying citizens. When these demonstrations began, the only thing that made me feel safe was knowing that these officers were there on the streets of Salt Lake City keeping the peace and protect everyone involved. I could not imagine would of happened if they were not there again on Sunday Night? Over the past 2 weeks I have seen Law Enforcement Officer conduct themselves in such a professional manor. They have demonstrated unbelievable restraint when faced with danger, being ridiculed, disrespected, spat on, and moments they feared for their lives. Just like you and I, sworn police officers have families and need to be able to support them. They take the risks neither you or I would ever do. They deal with the most difficult people imaginable day in and day out, not to mention the emotional stress of being an officer at this time. I do not support officers that would use deadly force similar to what happened in Minnesota. I do support our police officers, they add tremendous value and support to the community throughout all of Utah. Not all of us have the moral courage or conviction it takes to show up every day to work to protect and serve elected officials, who clearly want to punish them with budget cuts and paint them as the criminals, and still do their job. They have one of the most difficult jobs today and it is amazing that they still show up at all *Continued 2/3*</p>

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	JP	<p>*Continued 3/3 * I want to congratulate KSL as well for their courage as they followed and broadcasted these demonstrations in real time. This KSL broadcast is also a representation of how Law Enforcement came together and conducted themselves with such professionalism This broadcast should be mandatory for City Council members to watch as they navigate any decisions that effecting any type of emergency responders. Now as a constituent, I expect that from my elected official to represent "we the people" and consider all people. I expect that in City Council decisions are not based on rhetoric which promote fear and inject anxiety back into society. I expect them to support and uphold all existing laws and ordinances that you have sworn to and promote a safe environment and example to the people of Salt Lake City. There are some that use public scrutiny, rhetoric, or personal agendas to serve their purpose in punishing honorable Law Enforcement Officers. This is a disservice to them and any citizens which uphold and support the very laws you created. Again, it is your responsibility and duty as a Elected Officials that you represent all people of SLC and provide protection for all, including the officers, that give all, in order to protect you. If you have not done so, it is imperative not to let a specific dialog dictate how are decisions are based. We need to set a precedence that our priority is to protect the good people of SLC and show support to Law Enforcement. They need to know that we have their backs even in troubled times such as now. Do Not give in or support those that use this type of tragedy for gain or entitle themselves in any form of criminal activity. Their agenda is not to promote peace but to instill chaos and fear and call it good. Do not promote bad behavior. Thank you, JP</p>

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6/16/2020 11:00	Cherith Shiba	Police should no be defunded in any way! Possibly add in more funding for education or find ways to be able to readily fire cops with proven bad records! there'should be an understood inherrent risk for criminals who commit crimes! Our police officers should not be put in a position where we dont have their backs! Where it is ok to slander, attack or verbally abuse them with out reasonable swift consequenses! This also means when they act unreasonably without cause, there'should be a system in place to make sure they are held accountable, up to being replaced swiftly! If anyone commits a crime with a weapon and are told many times to put the weapon down and then they get shot by police, I think that shoukd be a risk that belongs to the criminal alone!! If police abuse their suspects with their authority, they have broken their contract to serve and protect and it needs to be addressed! With that being said, if our police act reasonably we need to have their backs when it comes to criminals!!! I dont want the officers that protect my daughter in the field to second guess my daughters safety against the crminals safety because they might get fired for protecting her. My daughter is in EMS and works in SLC. She loves her job but no way can she do it without good cops having her back! We have gotten to a point where bad cops cant be fired and we dont have good cops backs! I know leadership is hard and I don't want your job but we can't be so restrictive that our police officers are held hostage by criminals! We cant be so leinent with criminals that there is no reason for them to quit their criminal behavior!!! That doesn't mean abuse a suspect in any way! If our police officers can't be trusted to be fair then they should be replaced! And it is a conflict of interest for criminals to be the ones judging our officers!
6/16/2020 11:19	Eve Rickles	I am a resident of District 5. I am emailing you once again to ask that you cut the SLCPD budget by \$30 million and rel'vest that money into the community. I was so disappointed to learn that after the city council meeting you are now talking about increasing the SLCPD budget. This is not what we asked for. The head of SLCPD doesn't even recognize that there is a problem with systemic racism in his department when Black people make up 1% of the population and 10% of the police murders. This is despicable. The money you are allocating could be going so much farther when I'vested in social work, education, and transportation. Please, do the right thing.

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6/16/2020 12:20	Paula Novak	<p>Council Member- Hello, my name is Paula Novak, a resident of the Marmalade community. As current news has highlighted the on-going issue for a need of policereform if you will, I request that council send the below letter to Mayor Mendenhall asking such action to not only be reviewed, but implemented. Proper independent 3rd party police oversight is crucial to improving our community. A concerned constituent, Paula Novak Letter to send: Erin Mendenhall'salt Lake City mayor'salt Lake City mayor's Office Salt Lake City Corporation erin.Mendenhall'slcgov.com <mailto:erin.Mendenhall'slcgov.com> Dear Mayor Mendenhall: On behalf of the Community Council of District 3, we are writing to advocate for evidence-based measures to prevent police violence. Representing a diverse neighborhood within Salt Lake City, we care deeply that all community members feel safe in our city. We appreciate the constructive contributions of many public safety officers in our neighborhood and want to ensure that they have adequate training and policies in place to support peaceful law enforcement. While the state of Utah has enacted legislation around 3 evidence-based policies to increase accountability and reduce police violence (laws implemented give guidance around body cams, independent review and ending for-profit policing), there is more room to implement, monitor and report on best practices as our city learns what works. Specifically, we ask you to prioritize reviewing and thus implementing the following policy areas to prevent excessive use of force: 1. Demilitarization of the police 2. Ending broken windows policing 3. Increasing community oversight and transparency to the community 4. Limiting use of force 5. Increasing training on de-escalation and structural racism 6. Increase efforts to make our police workforce more representative of our community demographics We would also like to offer our public community council meetings as an opportunity to report on progress and solicit community input on these policies. This is an opportunity to explore a brighter path forward. Your leadership in guiding our city council and police depart through consideration of well-researched methods on CampaignZero.org and the Twenty-first Century Policing Report will make measurable difference in the safety of all community members. We appreciate your commitment to action and transparency on how we are supporting our law enforcement and ensuring safety and justice for all people in Salt Lake. -- Paula Novak</p>

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6/16/2020 12:16	Andrew McGuire	HI Chris, This message is from Andrew McGuire, who is a life-long Salt Lake City resident. Andrew states he has worked for the City in the past for the Youth and Family Division. He now works for the Utah International Charter School, which he reports has the highest percentage of black students in the state. Andrew would like you his former students and the youth he has worked report they have been harassed by police officers in the past. He also states the police harasses people of color (especially youth people of color) more than any other group. He urges you to defund the police and allocate funding elsewhere. Thank you,
6/16/2020 12:38	Emily A	I hope you're doing well and staying safe during the pandemic. I wanted to take a quick moment to share my desire to defund the police of Salt Lake City. After the horrific murder of George Floyd, Beonna Taylor, and countless other Black Americans at the hands of the police who are supposed to protect people, I think it's time to take a good hard look at the role of police both nationally and in our small Salt Lake community. Even here in Utah, black people are killed by the police at a vastly disproportionate rate. I just don't understand why the same people (police) who have proven time and time again to escalate situations and kill unarmed black men should also be the people we call whenever anything goes wrong in our lives. I want to ask you to defund the SLC police department and instead I'vest our tax funds in programs for social work, mental health work, and projects to help the homeless of our city.

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6/16/2020 13:26	Carly Schaub	s a resident of Sugarhouse I am writing to you as a community member of the district you represent. First off, thank you for your work on the City Council. I?d like to express my shock and disbelief after reading the quote by City Police Chief Mike Brown?s response to whether there was a racism issue within SLCPD. I?m sure you heard his response which was "I do not think so. I really don't.? He did also say at one point that: "Now is not the time for knee-jerk reactions. Now is the time to listen, learn, and bring all parties to the table in order to ensure equity of change.? He clearly did not intend on listening to anyone else but himself. And I know that now tear gas and choke holds are banned, but I saw nothing but harmful 'knee-jerk reactions' from the city police against all people of this city on May 30th. And pushing people over with riot shields in police lines in the streets and shooting rubber bullets in crowds also should to be banned, by the way. I fully support withholding full funding from the police department. Many actions that they take such as making our homeless people constantly move to different area all the time is something that could be remedied with better funding and resources for those that are homeless, have mental illnesses, lack education, lack child care, and lack resources for poverty. I am writing to Mayor Mendenhall as well as I have appalled by her responses to the protests and backing everything Police Chief Mike Brown has done over the last few weeks and her statement asking Gov. Herbert to lift the ?Orange? Covid-19 restrictions in SLC. She is proving that she does not care for people of color. The City Council will have to stand for our Salt Lake City citizens of color and vulnerable populations if Mayor Mendenhall will not.
6/16/2020 13:56	Chelsea Keefer	I have been attending the protests and educating myself on some of the current bills potentially going into place and in no way do I bell've as a member of the Salt Lake community that we increase the current budget for the police force. I demand as a woman within this community that we do not increase spending on body cameras, tasers, technology in police cars, deescalation training, no new hires of officers for the next year, and to cut the budget by \$30 million. If you were to attend the protests happening and hearing the outcry of our black community, as a white woman it is our job and as White privileged beings to speak up and do the right thing. Increasing the budget for Police officers who I bell've are only required 6 months of training to hold a gun with a lack of priority on behavioral training is the biggest threat and disease within our community. I have never trusted cops especially as a woman in this community, there is an undertone of objectivity I have always felt from any interaction with a officer and knowing they can walk around with a gun and a high school education does not cut it for me. Chris, please take sometime to listen to the 1619 podcast and watch 13 on Netflix. Maybe even show up at a protest and listen attentively. Thank you for reading this email. Do the right thing,

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6/16/2020 14:41	kathy gibby	We need more funding for better training, not less money. Less money equals less/worse training for Officers, how is that going to solve anything. frankly the thought scares me to death!!
6/16/2020 11:58	Merlene Huggins	We want justice for Bernardo Palacios Carbajal! And we want it now! We know you feel his murder was unjust. Please don't cave to the pressures of the police officers attorney asking you to keep quiet. There is no reason for police to kill anyone. Even if they are "armed". Even if they are suspected by police of doing something "illegal". There is no reason to shot to kill. There is no reason to land shots multiple times.
6/16/2020 11:53	Anonymous Constituent	People is taking this way out of proportion. According to numbers there is not such thing as police brutality. Yes, there is racism but it's everywhere. We need our cops to keep our city'safe.
6/16/2020 12:22	Zachary Shenk	<p>Esteemed authorities, My name is Zachary Shenk and I am a resident of Sandy, in the Willow Creek neighborhood. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community well-being and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well-documented history of murdering Black, Indigenous, and people of color--most recently, Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal was shot more than 20 times by SLCPD officers. What has been done with the officers responsible for this egregious display of force? They must be subject to justice and charged for their crimes, even though Bernardo was never given that opportunity. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. The SLCPD does not support our communities, but rather seeks to serve as judge, jury and executioner. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahns during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community well-being, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,</p> <p>Zachary Shenk</p>

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6/16/2020 12:22	Kadie Egbert	i am a healthcare worker. i have treated officers injured in the line of duty. i know they risk their lives every day. i also know about the racial injustices that have been implemented into the policing system. no one officer or department is to be blamed. to deny this is deny countless studies and research focused on this. we expect our officers to act as social workers, addiction counselors, and so much more. they simply do not have the training for what we expect from them, and this has resulted in a perpetuation of the disparities that exist in our state and country. when asked what a "police-defunded country", i have heard it put best that it will look like a suburb. money is l'vested in education, homeless solutions, accessible healthcare, better housing options, resources for immigrants and minorities, etc. to name a few. i would love to get to a place in SLC where we can show the world what can be done with allocated budgets and decriminalization of the system that has historically suppressed and marginilzed so many groups. lets set the example and be at the forefront of new ideas and building the type of equitable America we would all love to see. thank you for tour time.
6/16/2020 12:21	Derek Ballard	I live in Salt Lake City (currently Rose Park). From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it'sstarts with your vote. Please be open to this. We need more compassion and empathy.
6/16/2020 12:30	Hope Cooc	If you were actually concerned over what we have to say, then you would make a difference and defund the police! The police do not know know help in situations when someone is troubled! Give the money to the community and support homeless shelters, educators, and people who actually care about the community! don't give it to the police who do not give a fuck about us minorities! We are the ones getting killed not you white privileged assholes who think they're above the law! Minorities built this country! White people enslaved us so they wouldn't have to do the hard work! The police do not need more weapons and protective gear! They need more training and education before they even consider wearing their uniforms! They need to constantly be on check so that we do not have another police killing against my brothers and sisters! Hope Cooc

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6/16/2020 12:32	James Davidson	<p>If you and your colleagues have any doubts about the efficacy of dismantling or defunding our PD, look at Camden, New Jersey. Once considered one of the most dangerous cities in the country, their crime rate has dropped 42% since they dismantled and rebuilt their public safety system seven years ago. In firing and rehiring their police, they dropped their costs from \$182,168 to \$99,605 per officer. They also busted up the union that led to lack of accountability between officers. it's these unions and their cultures of sweeping misconduct under the rug that have a huge role in allowing heinous police behavior to continue. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Please follow in the footsteps of Camden and Minneapolis in dismantling the department, or at least follow the LA and San Francisco models of defunding. It will be better for the greater whole. Thank you for your time, Jim Davidson</p>

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6/16/2020 12:34	Andrew Earley	<p>My name is Andrew Earley, I'm the owner of a local restaurant called Mark of the Beastro in downtown salt lake city, and a resident in the marmalade district. I have lived in utah my entire life and in salt lake for two decades. I love our city and the wonderful people and places we have here, but i am absolutely disgusted by the recent acts of the local police, and further upset by the officials supporting and reinforcing those actions with meaninglessreform. We have tried multiple times to add body cams, increase training for officers, and a myriad of other transparency practices, but still Salt lake has a horrible problem with police violence. We still have the worst rate of black deaths by police officers per capita in the country. IN THE COUNTRY!!! and we reward these horrific statistics by allocating MORE money to the police department that already makes up over a quarter of our annual budget!? that is absolutely not okay. I'm writing you to demand accountability for our broken police force, and to see that accountability in the tangible form of reducing the police budget. I'm writing to specifically ask for 30 million dollars of the police budget be cut, and allocated to community resources that will protect our communities not harm them with impunity. I'm writing to demand that the budget not go to de-escalation training and body cams and otherreforms that have proven themselves ineffective, and instead that money go to social services.I'm writing to demand that the hiring freeze be continued, and no new money spent on police department hires. I'm writing to hold Chief Mike Brown accountable for his outright lies about the officer in the patrol car that was burned. there's overwhelming video evidence that the car was empty and he needs to be held accountable for lying to the public.I'm also writing to demand that the officers involved in the shooting of Bernardo Palacios be held accountable for their involvement, and that normalizing shooting a suspect in the back as they flee over 20 times ends. The officers were not in danger and that is extrajudicial murder.</p>

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6/16/2020 12:57	Eve Cohen	<p>First I want to thank you so much for your continued dedication to making SLC the best it can be. I can't imagine how stressful the last few weeks have been, how many emails you and your team have read, how painful the anger and concern over recent events, both national and local, have been to witness. It has been incredibly painful for me, and I have said as much in my previous emails to you and to Mayor Mendenhall. I received the City Council email last night with the budget updates to be discussed at tonight's formal meeting. I first want to say, again, THANK YOU for taking action that demonstrates that you've heard the hundreds (thousands?) of citizens including myself who have reached out to you demanding that we take action to defund the SLC police department. I would like to once again take the time to ask for what I think SLC needs to be a national leader in the movement to defund police departments and rel'vest city dollars into services that will help the community flourish. I 100% support the plan to conduct a zero-based audit of the SLCP - as part of this process, can you please provide transparency into the types of city programs, both new and existing, that can be created and/or funded out of reduced spending on SLCPD? This is the most important part of this process. How can we rel'vest in our communities, in our overall community, to help build a more resilient and safe place for all people, especially the queer community and communities of color, to thrive? Here are the specific changes that I would love to see come out of this audit process: 1. How can we establish resources for citizens in time of crisis that do not involve the police? Put another way, how can we establish programs that will send appropriately trained persons to assist with issues/conflicts instead of sending police officers? Ideas include establishing a team of trained mental health experts to respond to and de-escalate mental health crises when they occur. 2. Expanded housing and other services for people experiencing homelessness. This has been an area where SLC has led the nation before. How can we redirect police funds to support initiatives that support 3. POUR money into our schools!!! Lead the nation in per student funding! Pay our teachers, especially in communities of color, the highest wage in the nation. Can we do it?! I bell've we can. As we have seen in the data from Campaign Zero and other organizations focused on harm reduction in policing, enhanced training, body cameras, etc. do nothing to stop the use of lethal force by police. We need you to hear us and lead us to the end of police violence and policing here in SLC. We need you to rethink what SLC can look like, what we can do with our budget dollars, and prove your priorities by approving a budget that moves MILLIONS of dollars away from our police department and back into the hands of our communities.</p>

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6/16/2020 12:46	Eric Millican	I live in your district over on Emerson Avenue. I wanted to write you about - not surprisingly - policereform. Thank you for being there for the marathon council session last week. I am not one of the people calling for abolishing the police department, but I do strongly feel that significant, ongoingreform is required. Specifically I encourage you to support council member Fowler?s suggestion that the council should review the code and work to decriminalize activities wherever possible to cut back on over policing that simply provides an opportunity for bias and abuse. Just today Chief Brown testified before the state legislature and argued for criminalizing a cough (leaving it to the police do decide malicious intent). This is the complete opposite direction that we need, and the city council clearly cannot count on our police chief to lead that effort. I also support a comprehensive review and update on the police use of force protocol. That needs to include provisions that require other police force members to follow our city's protocol if they are working here. It is unacceptable that we have to shrug our shoulders and poin elsewhere when an Ogden police force member uses excessive force in Salt Lake City. While the review is underway I also encourage you to require the police force to explicitly describe scenarios when they bell've it is acceptable to shoot a suspect in the back while they are running away. If they feel that this is a ever a defensible use of force then, as a citizen under their jurisdiction, I would very much like to know, explicitly, when they are willing to do that. Thank you for your work on the council.
6/16/2020 12:49	Andrea Jessop	I absolutly do NOT support defunding of any kind, for our state law enforcement. I fully support allocating additional funds for training and protecting our officers. We as a state need to show our support for those keeping law and order, and protecting the citizens from crime, abuse, drugs, etc. i do not support our state falling in line with the mass media outrage and lies against police. Police lives matter, because without them and their services, we would lose SO MANY more lives.

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6/16/2020 13:15	Erika Wynn	I am a member of District 4, and a Social Work student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing you this morning with concern and frustration over the proposed increase of money going toward SLCPD. Firstly, I want to address how disheartened I was upon hearing the proposed increase. I have attended multiple City Council meetings, hearing hundreds of comments regarding a wish for distribution of the \$86,000,000, typically used for SLCPD, going toward community organizations, education, social workers, mental health workers, and so on. It felt like a slap in the face to hear you were proposing the opposite of what we are asking for. I thought of Bernardo Palacio's family and how they must feel after such disregard of their wishes for justice. I found myself asking, "Does the city council even care?" I am here to voice, yet again, my wishes as a resident in Salt Lake City, Utah. I want a better future and raising the budget for SLCPD is unacceptable. We are not asking for areform, Ana, we need to change the face of the system entirely. I am asking that you DO NOT spend money on body cams, tasers, police car technology, or de-escalation training. I am asking that you freeze hiring within the police department for the next year, maybe longer. I am asking for a \$30,000,000 cut from the budget. Please defund SLCPD and distribute this money to support unsheltered people, to subsidize healthcare and mental health services, to develop infrastructure that doesn't rely on people using guns. We are begging to be heard, especially those marginalized within our vibrant community. Please, listen. Take appropriate action that centers your constituents.

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6/16/2020 13:09	Saige Wheaton	Hello Chris, My name is Saige Wheaton and I am a longtime resident of Salt Lake City but new to your district. I am writing you in regards to my frustration with the new proposal to allot more money into the police department rather than listening to your constituents desires to move in the direction of defunding the police. I have participated in both virtual town hall meetings along with you and I have listened to the words of the people and they are not saying increase the budget. We do not want more body cameras. We do not want more tasers or technology for police vehicles. We do not want even more deescalation training that does not work proven time and time again by the murder of our community members at the hands of the police. We do not want more people hired into a broken system. That's the issue we are trying to address, the system is broken and no amount of our tax dollars can fix it. The police force is historically built upon racism and it would be naive to think it does not carry on that tradition today. We've seen it in our community and communities across the nation and as a people we are saying enough. I do not want to exist in a world that protects me but not members of my community because of the color of their skin. I do not want to exist in a city with a police chief that lies and claims there is not racism in his police force. I do not want to live in a city that protects murderers through qualified immunity. I do not want to live in a city that believes in protecting the police to such an extent they will not allow for a citizen review board or any community feedback for police as is the case with HB 415. HB 415 is glaring proof this city prioritizes police protections over the needs of our community and the right of the people to intervene in moments of injustice. What I want and what so many of us are asking for is that rather than give the police more of our hard earned tax dollars reallocate that money to areas that will actually strengthen our communities. I know you are committed to creating stronger communities and have committed yourself to the fight for affordable housing and I thank you for that but we both know it's not enough.*Continued 1/2*

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	Saige Wheaton	<p>*Continued 2/2* I find hope in thinking about what 30,000,000 dollars could do rel'vested into the community. Especially in this time of Covid we need to ensure we have the safety nets and supports available for those most impacted. Defunding the police and rel'vesting in areas such as healthcare, houselessness, education, and social services is the only way to truly help Salt Lake City grow and take the necessary steps to end systemic racism. We need to be supporting social workers and public health workers who are better equipped to address individuals needs. It took me four years and a lot of hours of unpaid labor to get my social work degree while a police officer only goes through a couple months of training, which is inadequate, and given a gun and the responsibility to protect the community by what feels like any means necessary. There is an obvious flaw in our system when individuals with minimal training are given the authority to handle situations of mental health crisis, domestic abuse, houselessness, and rape. Police officers roam the hallways of our schools, yet we do not have social workers or enough counselors for actual support. This only perpetuates the school to prison pipeline and distrust in the education system. This reality is unacceptable and will not change in the bounds of modern policing. We deserve a better more just society for everyone where people don't have to exist in fear every time their loved ones leave the house. I urge you do not vote to increase the police budget and listen to your constituents and take the necessary steps defund the police and begin taking steps towards abolition. it's what the community needs and it's what we deserve. Thank you, Saige Wheaton</p>
6/16/2020 13:16	Sean Brass	<p>Hi, My name is Sean Brass and I am a worker in Salt Lake City. I am calling in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I DEMAND that before Tuesday?s vote, the city makes drastic cuts to the SLCPD budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocates the money to community building services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I firmly bell've that police are not fulfilling theessential functions they are meant for, and instead have been tasked with roles they are not qualified to fill. I hope instead you l'vest \$30 million in social workers, councilors and other community resources who have the training for many duties police have been tasked with. Thank you so much for your time, Sean Brass</p>

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6/16/2020 13:54	Paul Schmidt	<p>If you and your colleagues have any doubts about the efficacy of dismantling or defunding our PD, look at Camden, New Jersey. Once considered one of the most dangerous cities in the country, their crime rate has dropped 42% since they dismantled and rebuilt their public safety system seven years ago. In firing and rehiring their police, they dropped their costs from \$182,168 to \$99,605 per officer. They also busted up the union that led to lack of accountability between officers. it's these unions and their cultures of sweeping misconduct under the rug that have a huge role in allowing heinous police behavior to continue. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Please follow in the footsteps of Camden and Minneapolis in dismantling the department, or at least follow the LA and San Francisco models of defunding. It will be better for the greater whole.</p>

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6/16/2020 13:57	Stefahn Slim	Hello Amy, My name is Stefahn Rich. I am a resident of Salt Lake's 7th district and a small business owner in district 3. I am emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget and to DEMAND drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget. I have asked for a decrease of \$30 million+ to the SLCPD budget with hopes that that money would be reallocated to community services that build up our community instead of breaking it down. I demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze for any new police officers throughout the entire fiscal year. Increasing the police budget is absolutely unacceptable and is the opposite of what we the people are demanding. We do not need body cameras and tasers, we do not need added technology for police vehicles, we do not need additional officers. Cut the police budget by AT LEAST 30 MILLION NOW! Defund the police, I'vest in education, I'vest in the residents of salt lake county, I'vest in SLC's economic development. Nobody has called and emailed in favor of a \$2 million increase. Hundreds have expressed interest of reducing the police budget. Reduce police power and control now. Thank you, Hope all is well -Stefahn Rich
6/16/2020 13:13	Kate Beacom	Hello, My name is Kate and I am writing to urge you to rethink the SLC police budget increases. As I'm sure you are aware, the calls for defunding signal that thereforms and technology and "transparency" that get thrown at the problem of policing do not work. \$322,000 for de-escalation training? Garrett Rolfe, the officer who shot Rayshard Brooks in the back while he was running away, had completed de-escalation training in April. Clearly it didn't make much of an impact. \$687,000 to provide body cameras? Cops don't use their body cameras. They are almost always off when the officer is doing something they know is wrong. This money could be spent better elsewhere, is the main point of defund the police. Schools, community care, youth programs. Increasing the SLC police budget by over \$1,000,000 will cause MORE problems. I urge you to distribute funds to where they are needed and begin defunding SLC police. Thank you, Kate

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6/16/2020 13:24	Drew Chortkoff	I am a resident of the Salt Lake district. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.
6/16/2020 13:14	Leah Munson	Hi there, I'm writing to call for the city council to divest the amount of funding for police and I'vest in communities where resources are lagging. Please follow in the footsteps of Minneapolis, Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York City, and Camden in rebuilding police departments. I love this city but am ashamed of its disproportionate killing of Black and Brown residents. I work and go to school in SLC and demand we do better. Looking forward to your response. Sincerely, Leah Munson
6/16/2020 13:17	Anonymous Constituent	The priorities of the council should be to the constituents. I would like to see more funding for education, infrastructure, and social programs rather than more money towards the SLCPD. A lot of people in my community agree with me. Hopefully you will finally hear us.
6/16/2020 13:34	Anonymous Constituent	Hold chief brown accountable for lying about the cruiser fire at the BLM protest. Extend hiring freeze for SLCPD.

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6/16/2020 13:27	Cynthia Hansen	<p>We have been informed the Salt Lake City council is contemplating a 30% cut to the police budget. We are stunned and angry the council would even consider such a vote during these difficult times. 99% of our officers are hard working and dedicated to serving ALL citizens of this beautiful city. By decreasing the police budget you will be sending the absolute wrong message to an already demoralized force, they are called pigs, murderers and other vile words we won't stoop to mention, they are harassed and they and their families are threatened with bodily harm, yet throughout all this our men and women in blue continue to do the best job they can. They are underpaid, under staffed, working with limited resources for training and equipment and you want to add to the misery with a budget cut, they should be getting a budget increase. We understand these are lean times with revenue shortfalls, but cutting the budget to one of the most valuable departments in our city is not the way to go. We hope you realize the police department isn't just a line item on a budget proposal, they are people we grew up with, they're our friends, our neighbors, people with whom we attend church, coaches and soccer moms and they are the first line of defense between lawlessness and anarchy. Without a well paid, fully staffed, trained and equipped police department you will be sending our beautiful city down the road to ruin. Please show our officers you stand with them, you support them, you respect them and you are proud of the job they do, because we sure are. Let's be leaders like San Diego and Houston by increasing our police budget, not followers by jumping on the already overcrowded defund the police band wagon. We thank all of you for your time and thoughtful consideration of our request for a no vote to any and all police budget cuts.</p>

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6/16/2020 13:27	Jason Christensen	<p>Mayor Erin Mendenhall, First and foremost, Black Lives Matter Close second, Defund the Police I am writing to you as a resident of Salt Lake City, district 5 and I DEMAND to be heard. That's all I will demand. Because I do not bell've positive change can be achI'ved by force or coercion. I want to urge you to revise the city budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 and defund the Salt Lake City police department by at least \$30 million. I bell've this money could be better used to I'vest in resources and organizations that aim to provide help to people who need help. More specifically, I would like to see a stronger effort made to provide, at the very least, housing, food, and healthcare (including mental healthcare and addiction treatment) for anyone who needs it, but especially for people experiencing homelessness, hunger, poverty, and addiction (all of which are conditions experienced disproportionately by non-white people). These are groups of people who's very existence has been criminalized by a culture of distance, indulgence, and fear. A culture rooted in the ideologies of white supremacy and colonialism. Police departments aren't designed to help these groups of people and police officers aren't trained or equipped to help them. Do not mistake this for a suggestion to redesign policing or for any additional training and equipment for officers. What I'm saying is that the police should not be expected or asked to deal with these problems. Yes, I'm asking for money to be redirected away from the SLCPD but I'm also (and maybe more importantly) asking for responsibilities and expectations to be redirected away from the SLCPD. I bell've that a well funded department of social workers and healthcare professionals (including mental healthcare professionals) would be far better suited and far more likely to provide solutions to the problems that we (those of us who have and hoard) often perceive in people who do not have and are actively deprived of the things they need to live. I'm not only calling on elected officials and I'm not only talking about your decisions and actions as the People's representatives in government. I'm talking about me too. I'm talking about you when you're not representing your constituents. I'm talking about every person who has access to these necessities (housing, food, and healthcare) and still has resources to spare. I bell've that we are collectively capable of providing every person with what they need to live a life not entirely free of suffering, because that's not really the goal, but a life free of near-constant suffering, a life that doesn't look like and (I can only imagine) feel like a punishment. I know on a personal level how hard it can be to let go of the aforementioned distance, indulgence, and fear. I've spent most of my life in the pursuit of a happiness made up of comparative superiority, material wealth, and safety. We have all seen a lot in the last two weeks. I've seen so much violence, anger, and pain but almost counterintuitively I have never felt happier or more</p>

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6/16/2020 13:30	Mel Martinez	City Council Members, I oppose both drafts of the police budget that have been proposed. I support NO new funding for the police department. That means NO increase in the budget, NO money for body cameras, tasers or any police technology, No money for new hires and NO money for deescalation training. I fully support a YES to cutting the budget NOW, TODAY! YES to the city council working with community members to create a sustainable plan to continue del'vestment in the police department. And a YES to funding, supporting and creating community based response teams, organizations and civilian professionals to replace current police "duties". I also continue to demand justice for the killing of Bernardo Palacios Carbajal. Police Chief Brown should be fired. And all police officers involved in the shooting should be fired, tried, and convicted. Mel Martinez Sent from ProtonMail mobile

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6/16/2020 13:33	Michelle Gargalis	<p>Dear SLC Council Members, Please, please, please DO NOT defund the police! They are not perfect but defunding is not the answer. it's as if the pinky finger is broken and instead of fixing the small finger you're cutting off a leg at the knee. Most police are GOOD and truly want to serve and protect. Instead of defunding them and putting them and all of us at greater risk, work to make changes to eliminate the small minority of officers who are causing the problems. Maybe the way I'veestigations of or complaints against officers needs to be handled differently to allow for those bad officers to be more easily identified and weeded out. Maybe unconcious bias and/or racism training needs to be routinely done. Or any number of other options other than defunding. I realize my experiences are likely not the same as others, especially for my minority neighbors and friends, but my experiences with police have all been positive. Except for the few citations I have received while driving, which were fully deserved. :) I'd like to share a few of my experiences with the police here in Salt Lake. Last fall, I was awakened at 3:00 am by two men I didn't know banging on my front door and window and jiggling my door handle. Terrified, I loaded my gun and called the police. It took the police over 9 minutes to get to my house, and the two men were there the entire time- banging on my door and trying to get in. Maybe those men would have eventually left, or maybe they wouldn't. Maybe they would've gotten more aggressive and forced their way into my home, in which case I would have shot them before allowing them to hurt me. I can't tell you how grateful I am that it didn't come to that, and how grateful I am for the police- for coming to my aid and preventing a scary situation from getting worse. Another experience was 5-6 years ago when my car broke down on a fairly empty street. Luckily an officer passed by right after and pulled over and kindly waited with me until a tow truck driver arrived. There was no immediate risk to me, but as most females know, it is unnerving to be alone and vulnerable when any creep can come along and take advantage of the situation. I have had the pleasure of working with police officers for 8 years- I witnessed them pass out water and snacks to the homeless, give rides to stranded commuters when the trains are stopped, and help the homeless get cleaned up for a job interview. They have always been respectful and kind to everyone, including those who many others in our community look down upon. They face the unknown every day and are facing unimaginable threats and hatred against them right now, and deal with the worst parts of society so that you and I don't have to. Please support them- don't defund, but make policy changes. Give them the support and resources they need to succeed. Thank you, Michelle Gargalis</p>

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6/16/2020 13:45	Molly Mostert	<p>Hello, I have heard that you intend not to decrease, but increase, the police budget this year, and that a large portion of the increase will go toward de-escalation training. As a student of the sciences, I tend to wonder, "have they done any research to support this decision?" Have any of you have seen evidence that de-escalation training is an effective way to decrease police use-of-force? Upon a quick googling on the subject, I found a research paper called "Does de-escalation training work?" It was published by Criminology & Public Policy in January 2020. According to the abstract of the paper, de-escalation training has not been studied enough to come so any solid conclusions about its efficacy: "De?escalation training has been widely implemented by U.S. police agencies in the wake of adverse public reaction to recent controversial police use?of?force incidents. Despite vast promotion from politicians, academics, expert panels, and the public, we know little about the effects of de?escalation training on officers and police?citizen interactions. In this article, we offer findings from a multidisciplinary systematic literature review that demonstrate limited knowledge concerning the impact of de?escalation training across all professions. We identified 64 de?escalation training evaluations conducted over a 40?year period, primarily in the fields of nursing and psychiatry" I just wanted to point out that it's important to research these methods before you spend your constituents' money on them.</p> <p>Thank you, Molly Mostert</p>

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6/16/2020 13:36	Morgan Brisse	<p>I am a resident of St Paul, MN]. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a budget for the people, that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of lethal force against residents of color. Empty gestures and suggestions of reform? are unacceptable. I am demanding the voices of this movement be heard, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for marginalized communities is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, while social services and education--proven to better promote community safety than policing--stagnate. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, when too often paid out to officers responsible for harassing unhoused, Black, Indigenous, and Latinx residents, is deeply insulting. I am demanding that the City Council defund the SLCPD. I demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of impacted Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowering the police forces that tear us apart. Although City Council has thus far avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund care, not criminalization and incarceration. You must adopt a budget for the people. Public opinion is with me.</p> <p>Thank you for your time, Morgan Brisse</p>
6/16/2020 13:37	Alexis Wheeler	<p>As a very concerned citizen of Salt Lake I wanted to take a minute and let you know that we feel very strongly against the police department budget being changed. While there are some things that can be done better, taking away their funding is not the answer. If anything more money should be given for the training and retention of good officers. We support our police officers!</p>

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6/16/2020 13:40	catherine worsham	<p>I am VERY disappointed in Mayor Mendenhalls decision to increase the SLCPD's budget proposal instead of honoring her consituents' wishes to REDUCE the budget by \$30,000,000(scaling it back to what it was in 2013) and to reallocate those funds to communities in need, I'veesting in homelessness programs, schools, Covid-19 relief, and social work progams to REPLACE POLICING. My understanding is that Mayor Mendenhall bell'ves that things like new tasers for officers and de-escalation training are going to make a difference, but WE ALL KNOW that policereform DOES NOT WORK. We need to dramatically decrease the role of police all over the country. No matter which way you frame it, the police force has always existed as a VIOLENT force, and we are fed up with this form of "social safety." I would also like to ask that you consider the following: Demilitarize the police by banning acceptance or purchase of military weapons and getting rid of lethal weapons. Establish a review board that holds police accountable for violent and reckless behavior in our community by (1) supporting the repeal of HB415 (2)supporting the repeal of QUALIFIED IMMUNITY (3)Making it possible to prosecute cops who harm, and (4) Dissolving all relationships with public schools</p> <p>Thank you very much, Catherine Worsham</p>
6/16/2020 13:38	George Chapman	<p>I still think that this Mayor and Council are way ahead of the protesters when it comes to insisting on decreasing police violence. I recognize the pressure that you are under, but I know that you, in your private and government careers, have always pushed for more respect and fairness from our governments and police. Your effort to respond to protesters by restricting hiring will impact our efforts to recruit minorities and women. I remind the Council that the IACP study last year found that there was only one female above the rank of Sergeant in the SLCPD. That actually should be a big warning sign but if the City restricts hiring and does not have another recruit class for a year, our Police will not be representative of our City. In addition, the suggestion to move social workers and park rangers out of the SLCPD ignores the problems that social workers and the Fire Department has had in the past that required SLCPD'support during medical response calls. Although it is not as bad as before, the Police often are needed to ensure safe interactions with some that may be on drugs or have mental issues. The Liberty Park Market has required Police on a regular basis to protect vendors. I know that you are trying but I hope that you are away of these issues before you vote. Or bring them back after the protests' decrease the pressure. On another note, FEMA has been paying some cities 100% of the cost of hotels for homeless to get the homeless into more separated rooms than shelters. The President has waived the normal 25% match for some cities and, although the County declined due to the potential increased cost of social workers and security, this city'should consider using FEMA funds to house the homeless. George Chapman SLC</p>

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6/16/2020 13:59	Izabelle Garza	Hello, My name is Izabelle Garza and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because my brothers and sisters of the African American community deserve justice to be found. My ancestors deserve peace. They did not fight all of these painful years for nothing. Please look into this and find it in your hearts to change. NO JUSTICE NO PEACE!! Sincerely, Izabelle Garza
6/16/2020 13:41	Jeremy Harris	Mr. Wharton, I live in your district and I am deeply concerned that the city council will cut funding to the police department. Like you, I was horrified by the death of George Floyd, but the hysteria that has resulted in calls to cut the SLC police budget is without merit. We depend on these officers to protect us and eliminating their resources will have dangerous and real consequences. A few weeks ago, an armed man was prowling cars in our apartment complex parking lot (300 North 700 West). A resident saw him hiding and called the police. The officers got there within a few minutes and confronted him. I watched out the windows as the officers began arresting the man and he tried to pull a gun out of his waistband. The officers were able to subdue him and put him in the car. I later found out he was a repeat felon who was on parole. Based on what I saw, I have no doubt that the suspect would have killed the officers if they had not physically overpowered him. Now we're talking about cutting officers - well imagine if the city council had plucked officers off the streets that night and our resident's 911 call had gone in a long que for police response? MY neighbors and myself would be left vulnerable. Your FIRST job as a city council member is to protect our city and if you vote tonight to reduce funding, you will be failing at that first, most critical responsibility of government. I'm all for policereform and I agree that there can be more housing, drug, and mental health resources, but in the meantime we need SLC Police. My interactions with them have been respectful and positive. To turn around and neuter the department would be a grave mistake. Please consider my viewpoint and thank you for your time and effort on behalf of our city. I do not envy the job you have, but it is important and I just wanted to share my perspective. Jeremy Harris
6/16/2020 13:42	Chelyse Henderson	This is not the right way to keep Salt Lake city'safe and prosperous. Find a Better way. Our Officers are Heroes, and already don't make enough money for the jobs they do.

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6/16/2020 13:43	Haleigh Larmer	<p>Sent from my iPhone Begin forwarded message: From: Haleigh Larmer Date: June 15, 2020 at 7:23:43 PM MDT Cc: andrew.johnston@slcgov.com Subject: Proposed Police Budget ?Hello Andrew Johnston, I am a Salt Lake City resident in District 2, emailing you for the first time. I am here, as a citizen you represent, to hold you and the city council accountable for your actions. We are asking you to listen to our demands, but do more than that. Execute our demands. EXECUTION OF THESE DEMANDS IS OUR DEMAND. Read again. EXECUTION OF THESE DEMANDS IS OUR DEMAND. There is no compromise. We see through that. Our Demands: DO NOT JUST REALLOCATE FUNDS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. I am asking for a 30 million dollar police budget cut to be reallocated into education, housing, and mental health. These sectors NEED the financial support to strengthen our community. I see the proposed budget. I see the disproportionate amount the police receives. You have your reasons. I disagree with them. Show us, through action, through defunding the police, that you actually aim to strengthen the community you live in, instead of being influenced by whatever position above you has made you agree to overfunding the police. Take action. Show us that we can bell've you will do the right thing. If not, we?ll vote you out. We are engaged in a way were not before. It is different now. Take note. OUR COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE IS DIFFERENT NOW. Make the right choice and stand on the true side of justice. You are in a position of power to listen to the citizens of Salt Lake City, me. I am watching, I am listening, I will remember your participation in this critical time. Thank you, Haleigh Larmer Sent from my iPhone</p>

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6/16/2020 13:43	Henry Hartzler	Hello, My name is Henry Hartzler and I am resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because over 2 hours of people called in last week for the budget demanding that at least 30 million be divested, and instead you have proposed raising the budget by almost a million. It does not show me that you are listening to the needs of your constituents. Police do not need more body cams - they did not prevent Bernardí Palacios from being shot in the back over 20 times. Police do not need more deescalation training. Mike Brown has stood behind his officers in Bernardo?s murder and that shows me that it is not a problem that we can solve with more training. We have racist policies in place, and the only way forward is the passing of antiracist policies and budgets. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in low-income housing, public education, and social workers. I'vest in the future of our community and uplift it with fiscal policy change. Please listen to the needs of your constituents whom you swore to represent. We are not asking for more police. We are asking you to instead I'vest directly into the most disenfranchised of the community. Thank you. Sincerely, Henry Hartzler Henry Hartzler B.A. Elementary Education (K-6) ESL Added Endorsement (K-12) University of Iowa, 2017
6/16/2020 13:44	Ajahnique Torres	and I am a worker in Salt Lake City. I am calling in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I DEMAND that before Tuesday's vote, the city makes drastic cuts to the SLCPD budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocates the money to community building services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because funding for the police and incarceration is too high and is part of the major issues involved in the disastrous systemic racism that exists and thrives in the United States. Failure to reallocate funds is oppression and allows for funding to continually be cut from the people, schools, hospitals, services and infrastructure. I hope instead you I'vest \$30 million in environmental protection and education.

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6/16/2020 13:55	Jan Hendrickson	I am writing this email because I feel as though you guys are folding to politics. I absolutely bell've that there are bad officers out there but for the most part are underpaid, under appreciated and over worked. I don't disagree that some different training may be a good thing, anything we can do to prevent the death of one of our officers is a good thing. I?m so concerned that we will start giving up policies one piece at a time until slowly we no longer have a police department. I think a better idea is to train the people our officers are coming in contact with. I am so sick of hearing the black population on tv saying ?We have to teach our kids how to act when an officer approaches them? I?m sorry but what is wrong with teaching them respect for all authority all the time? I?m old but we were taught to respect all authority or suffer the consequences. We live in a time now where this entitlement generation has zero respect for anyone and that is what gets them in trouble. That goes for all races. I think there'should be a law where if the person being approached by the officer, resists, tries to escape, or pulls a weapon, the punishment is harsher, kind of like fines double in construction zones. I really think every person who has a hand in making decisions on what is going to happen to our police department, should be required to spend a month on the force, up close and personal and on the job, with these amazing people that get up everyday to go out and protect us at all costs. Maybe if you see what they have to go through and how they put their lives on the line everyday, you may have a change of heart. A better idea is to do something about this younger generation that respects nothing and expects everything. Just an FYI, I do not have any family or friends on any police force, so I?m not basing my email on that, I?m just tired of the way they are being treated. Jan Sent from my iPad
6/16/2020 13:56	Jerany Smith	Hi, My name is Jerany Smith and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am calling in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I DEMAND that before Tuesday's vote, the city makes drastic cuts to the SLCPD budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocates the money to community building services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because funding for the police and incarceration is too high and is part of the major issues involved in the disastrous systemic racism that exists and thrives in the United States. Failure to reallocate funds is oppression and allows for funding to continually be cut from the people, schools, hospitals, services and infrastructure. I hope instead you I'vest \$30 million in schools, affordable mental health counselors, healthcare for all, and freeing unjust incarceration. Thank you so much for your time, Jerany Smith

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6/16/2020 13:47	Jody Labounty	I am writing this email as one of many concerned citizens of Salt Lake City. I am in complete opposition and disbelief that the thought of defunding or cutting police budgets is even a consideration. The police department of one of the only things in this world that give our community peace these days. I have many friends and neighbors that serve in different capacities of the police department. I have called upon them multiple times for help and they have never let us down, always willing to serve no matter the day or night or circumstance. I've received nothing but positive and helping interactions with SLCPD regardless of the reason. We need more support and funding for backing our BLUE!! Regards- Jody LaBounty Get Outlook for iOS < https://aka.ms/o0ukef >
6/16/2020 13:55	Hope Cooc	Please defund the police! They are killing my brothers and sisters at a rapid rate. If you were to defund the police then you can actually make a difference in the community. Actions speak louder than words and by giving back money to the community you can help the people who really need it! We need educators, mentors, safe spaces not more guns and protective gear for the police who will use it to beat us to a pulp and leave us for dead! The police do nothing to help when it comes to people who have mental disabilities or even the ones who are innocent, but killed off because of what one white person said! We're just another check off your list of colored people to kill! Give back to the community! Help the people who actually need it! don't fund the police because you think they will protect us! They don't do shit! Never have and never will! Police need to have the same amount of training as the rest of us! They should be screened immensely, especially if they are carrying firearms or weapons! Shooting should not be the first reaction to any situation. Stop killing us! Do you have any idea what it is like to live with a target on you at all times? You don't because you are a cis white privileged person who thinks you're above the law because it has been ingrained into your culture for centuries. This needs to stop immediately and you need to wake up stand with us minorities who only want to feel equal and safe in this county! Hope Cooc
6/16/2020 14:01	Dana Wilson	When there is a backlog of literally thousands of untested rape kits in Utah due to "budget constraints," how can you possibly consider increasing police funding? Is this not about actual public safety? I encourage city officials to closely re-evaluate our law enforcement funding priorities. I love our great city. We're so much better than this.

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6/16/2020 13:47	Darius Bost	<p>I recently read that the Salt Lake City Council is proposing to increase the city budget for policing under the guise of thereform. The new budget allocates more money for body cameras and tasers, added technology in police vehicles, de-escalation training, and to hire victim advocates. However, none of these things were requested by constituents. In fact constituents have signed petitions to defund the police by \$30 million, not to give them more money. The presence of these new technologies in police departments has done nothing to curb state-sanctioned violence directed toward minority communities. In fact, the family of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal had to request the body cam footage to try to get justice for him after the police shot him over 20 times while he was running away. Body cams did not stop the police from blowing off his fingers. Two officers were recently fired in Atlanta for tasing black college students during protests. And de-escalation training and hiring victim advocates will do nothing to stem the tide of systemic racism that is pervasive in policing. George Floyd's death could have been prevented in officers intervened, but they stood by and watched a fellow officer lynch him. I do not feel safe around the police as a black man. Anytime I hear that the Salt Lake City police might be pursuing a black male suspect I stay home because I fear being racially profiled and potentially killed. If you vote for this proposal, you are perpetuating the conditions that make it unsafe for me to be in public and to exercise my rights as a citizen. As your constituent in District 3, I am emailing to ask that you not support this budget proposal, that you instead take steps to defund the police and create an alternative system of public safety, and use the money allocated for the police for social services that will help, not harm, the most vulnerable members of your community. Because the council's constituents have demanded defunding and you all have not listened, I am left to bell've that you all do not care about black life. This budget proposal dishonors the death of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery and countless others by giving the police more money and power. On your website you claim to be l'vested in progressive causes, but further l'vesting in police is actually regressive action. If you vote for this budget increase, your constituents will hold you accountable for your complicity in racism. If you vote in favor of this budget proposal, you areessentially saying that black lives don't matter. And we will not forget.</p>

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6/16/2020 13:50	Aseeya Grant	I am writing to you today in regards to the proposed FY 2020-2021 Salt Lake County budget. I strongly urge you to use your vote to reallocate funds away from the SLCPD. I was born and raised in Salt Lake City, UT. I am 23 years old and currently live in the Central City area. As a resident, I am severely concerned about Utah's police brutality rates and excusal of murder, I will not take this time to sit back and not voice my concern. Utah has had a long history of police brutality and violence towards Black community members. This must change. Increasing the SLCPD's budget will only create more police brutality. As a community, we do not need more policing. Why is it that we continue to see police officers excused for murdering our community members? Why is it that our legislature is okay with defunding education, housing, and mental health facilities before the police department? None of these things are okay, we must do something about it. I advocate that you reallocate at least \$30 million away from SLCPD. As a council member you have the ability to amplify the community's voice, please use this. With the high number of messages you have received please, truly listen to why we are reaching out. There needs to be a systematic change if we are ever going to stand a chance against systematic oppression and racism.
6/16/2020 13:52	Candace Rich	I am a resident of Salt Lake City district 7. I was pleased to hear the council express that this was just the beginning of the conversation about police in our community. However, I do not agree that spending \$780,000 to put body cameras in every police officer, along with the technology to ensure they are always turned on will, in fact, solve the problems within our police department. I bell've this money would be much better used for funding community services such as education, mental health services, at-risk youth services, and affordable housing. I am very glad that you want to re-examine the role of police in our community. I bell've that community members and services should respond to community problems. This is important to me because it will get to the root of most problems, as opposed to putting a bandaid on the problem. I am an elementary school teacher. I am keenly aware of the discrepancies in opportunities for students that live in underfunded communities. They do not have access to the same kinds of services that affluent and/or well-funded communities do. This money could be allocated to those communities for services. Moreover, the funds could give schools and teachers the opportunity to give every single student the same learning opportunities, regardless of what area they live in. I hope you can consider not increasing the police budget by \$1.3 million. And instead consider using \$30 million from the police budget to l'vest in our community needs.

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6/16/2020 13:55	John Michael Biggs	Hello, I'm a resident of SLC District 1. I'm writing once again to demand that you redirect funds from the police budget to something like housing or education. A budget increase for measures proven to NOT be helpful, especially additional trainings, is not acceptable. I want to see justice for the killing of Bernardo Palacios and others. Chief Mike Brown and involved officers MUST BE held responsible. Thank you, John Michael Biggs
6/16/2020 13:58	Donna Ramone	I live in Salt Lake City, near the U. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we gri've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. We cannot trust the SLCPD to do the right thing, the same way we cannot trust them to not lie to the public. Their narrative about pulling a female officer from a burner police vehicle on May 30, 2020 was a lie, and the insistence they did not use tear gas was a lie. There are plenty of videos from that day proving so, and hundreds of witnesses. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it starts with your vote.
6/16/2020 14:01	Jamie Reeves	Hello, I am writing you tonight to advocate for the defunding of the police. I do not feel comfortable with my taxpayer dollars going to a service that makes my Black neighbors feel unsafe. Instead of funding the police department, I would like to see this sizable chunk of funds reallocated to community services: things that can better our community and help reduce crime in the first place. I want to see a version of public safety that does not use police. They don't work for us anymore. We have recognized their faults and no longer will accept their violence. Defund the police. Signed, Jamie Reeves

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6/16/2020 14:04	Anonymous Constituent	As I just found out anout this, I don't have time to formulate an articulate response. That being said, I want to request the following: 1) Reconsider the budget cuts to education. Schools/teachers are going to need more funding to provide safe and quality education during the pandemic, not less. 2) Redirect police department funding to other community programs and to train/fund non-police personnel to serve in non-criminal matters such as mental health, homelessness, etc. The system of policing needs to be de-militarized, require more education/certification/continuing education at the cost of the officer on a regular basis. I'vest policing funds into diversity training/deescalation training/mental health services for officers.
6/16/2020 13:53	Parker Rae Winchester	I am an SLC resident. I attend the University of Utah and am working towards a degree in Elementary Education. I am emailing about last Tuesdays virtual public meeting addressing the proposal of defunding the police department. After the outpour of demands from residents to reallocate \$30 million dollars out of the proposed \$84 million budget for police funding, I am disheartened to hear that you have decided to increase the proposed budget. As a future educator and a human with a moral compass I demand that the increase of funding being moved to the non-departmental budget for the purpose of "more transparency" is reallocated into community building services outside of the police department. I demand no spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. I demand no spending on de-escalation training for police officers. I demand no new hires in the police department this year. I demand that \$30 million dollars from the proposed budget is reallocated into services which actually protect and serve members of our community such as mental health services/counseling, affordable housing, accessible healthcare, and public education. Thank you for listening to my concerns. I hope you consider these requests and listen to the voices of your constituents during this time.

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6/16/2020 13:58	Dana Berge	I live in Sugarhouse. First off, thank you for listening and continuing to review the budget with your community in mind. I think increased transparency in the budget, especially that allotted to police, will help us all understand where all the money goes. Forcing them to share more information when their policies change will also be useful. What I'm really keen on is this straw-pollled plan for \$1.7 million to be set aside for communities of color. This is the kind of reallocation that will really help. I've invested in empowering marginalized communities help themselves. As white people we need to STOP VIOLENCE and remove barriers and get the f out of the way. I am also in favor of the zero-based budget for the coming year. This is just the type of sweeping under the rug that is necessary. Scraping money out of the budget will always be challenging if it's not redesigned from the ground up, with careful consideration paid to all the individual needs and inputs. I imagine much will be uncovered that no longer makes sense, especially as we move to separate out some of the responsibilities that fall on the police for which they are not given training, like homelessness, mental health, drug overdose-related situations, etc. And once there's more money freed up from the police budget we will be able to re-vest that in more community initiatives, empowering more people to build a Salt Lake where they feel safer and more seen. Thank you for your consideration and all of your work.
6/16/2020 13:53	Anonymous Constituent	please take a serious look at where else this funding could go. there are so many other groups and community resources that need it to actually serve local residents rather than the police. thank you

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6/16/2020 13:54	Dawn Drefs	<p>How quickly some in the community have forgotten the relationship this town has had with its law enforcement. Many of these are the same cops who rush to horrific acts of violence and crime with only one thing in mind: To protect our citizens. All of them, regardless of the color of their skin. Being a law enforcement officer means you risk your life every time you go out wearing a badge and a uniform. You enter dangerous situations to keep others safe. Eighty-nine of them were killed nationwide in the line of duty last year, according to the FBI. Right now, it's a thankless job. Just as excessive force by police is not right, it's not right to paint all police with a broad brush, either. The suggestion of defunding police departments around the country/counties, however, is the single most absurd idea I have heard. Proposals vary ? some call for merely shifting a portion of police budgets to other programs, while others demand the actual elimination of police departments. Yes, there are bad cops, but the vast majority of more than 800,000 law enforcement officers are good, decent people doing a difficult and thankless job. There are bad teachers convicted of a variety of crimes, but we don't hear cries to dismantle the school system. What about the UCLA doctor charged with molesting his gymnastics patients? No one?s calling for the elimination of doctors. Or liquor store clerks who sell booze to minors. We?re not eliminating liquor stores. You can go down the line of every profession and job classification and find people who dishonor those professions and should be eliminated from them.reform police departments? Yes. Improve training methods and prohibit certain uses of force, like choke holds? Yes. Seek out racist cops and ban them from the force forever? Absolutely. If you were frightened or upset by the civil unrest across the country the past few weeks ? and the opportunistic rioting and looting that ensued, which had nothing to do with the peaceful protests ? that?s just a taste of what it would be like without our law enforcement, only it would be worse. Much, much worse. If we want to stop police misconduct, the answer is not to defund the police. We need more good cops, not fewer!</p>

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6/16/2020 13:55	Julia Huddleston	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City and I am writing again to hold my elected officials accountable and to demand that Salt Lake City defunds the police. It is a real slap in the face to the countless numbers of residents who have voiced their outrage at our overly violent and way over-funded police force, only to have the city council vote to increase the budget for the police force. You must listen to your constituents on this vital issue. Reduce the budget of the police by \$30M, and redirect those funds to community resources that actually benefit the residents that you serve. In particular, I would love to see more resources for people experiencing homelessness, youth organizations, libraries, and the arts. While this may seem counterintuitive, I strongly oppose de-escalation training. The police force in the United States (including our city) is broken beyondreform. Re-training overly violent police officers does nothing to improve the safety of our residents. Vote with courage to l'vest in our community. Make Salt Lake safe, defund the police. Thank you, Juli Huddleston

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6/16/2020 13:55	Eve Cohen	<p>I am so encouraged by the notes on the Council's budget link sent out via email last night. discussed and indicated support for a plan to have a thorough financial review of the Police Department budget by an outside auditor to provide information for the Council to conduct a "zero-based budget" exercise in the coming year. This would rebuild the department's budget from zero in order to evaluate expenses, programs, and historical spending, with the goal of aligning expenses with Council and community expectations for the department. This outside review and budget exercise would be a longer-term project in preparation for either mid-year budget adjustments or for the next fiscal year budget process. I love this idea - how can we act faster to get to a place where we identify current spending overages that can be QUICKLY funneled to other programs that will support the BIPOC community in SLC and prevent more unnecessary deaths at the hands of police officers? straw-polled a plan to set aside \$1.7 million for to-be-determined projects within communities of color. AMAZING GOOD WORK! How can we set aside more? How can we work faster? What will it take? discussed some changes to the Police Department budget that would increase transparency and allow additional time for further evaluation, especially with the help and direction of a to-be-established City commission that would evaluate equity in policing, per recent conversations with Mayor Mendenhall. Details will be announced in the coming weeks. The scope of the new commission is still a work in progress and the Council has hopes it will review and make recommendations on how to address systemic bias at various levels of government, especially at the City level. GREAT - but this assumes that the police system can be fixed. It is a system BASED ON and IN CHARGE OF UPHOLDING WHITE SUPREMACY. It must be dismantled and replaced with community-based programs for health, safety, education, and food security. I am BEGGING you not to start with the assumption that you can create "EQUITY IN POLICING" it is not possible. Please start with the assumption that the police need to be eliminated and from there determine how we can rebuild systems to keep our communities healthy and safe. I am so grateful to you for demonstrating that you've heard our calls - now please continue to show that you have heard the above comments and I will be happy to work with you to continue to push SLC in the right direction.</p>

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6/16/2020 14:24	Ciera Perry	. I am a part of District 3. I am begging you to decrease the police budget for FY 2020-2021. I am disgusted that after so many Salt Lake residents have voiced the need for the police budget to be cut and those funds allocated to services that help our community, you decide to increase the budget. It has been proven time and time again thatreform doesn't work. Just last week a man was shot in the back running from police, a practice that is not allowed and those police have been trained to do otherwise but IT DOESN'T WORK. The police budget needs to be SERIOUSLY decreased and those funds put to education, homeless services, mental health services and hospitals. Martin Luther King Jr Said, "budgets are moral documents" how many people in our community need to be abused or killed by cops for you to make a change? We are living through a historical moment and I really hope you choose the right side. Be an example for how great a city can be when you DEFUND THE POLICE AND FUND THE COMMUNITY.
6/16/2020 13:58	Parker Rae Winchester	Hi Darin, My name is Parker Winchester. I am an SLC resident. I attend the University of Utah and am working towards a degree in Elementary Education. I am emailing about last Tuesdays virtual public meeting addressing the proposal of defunding the police department. After the outpour of demands from residents to reallocate \$30 million dollars out of the proposed \$84 million budget for police funding, I am disheartened to hear that you have decided to increase the proposed budget. As a future educator and a human with a moral compass I demand that the increase of funding being moved to the non-departmental budget for the purpose of "more transparency" is reallocated into community building services outside of the police department. I demand no spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. I demand no spending on de-escalation training for police officers. I demand no new hires in the police department this year. I demand that \$30 million dollars from the proposed budget is reallocated into services which actually protect and serve members of our community such as mental health services/counseling, affordable housing, accessible healthcare, and public education. Thank you for listening to my concerns. I hope you consider these requests and listen to the voices of your constituents during this time. Sincerely, Parker Winchester

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6/16/2020 14:00	Pim Singhatiraj	I am a resident of Sandy. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.

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6/16/2020 14:17	Dory Trimble	As a lifelong resident of Salt Lake City, I'm emailing you now to express my intense concern with the proposed increase in Police funding for the city of Salt Lake. Now is not the time to reinforce the police's funding-- it is the time to defund, and to support the social services our city desperately needs. Defunding the police isn't about a world of anarchy and chaos, it's about building one where our city budget can support mental health services, outreach workers, and community support systems. I think about the VOA volunteers at the downtown library-- providing case management support and essential services to the people experiencing homelessness who spend time there. We want more of that, and fewer police officers who, despite any good intentions, are fundamentally designed to escalate and enforce. Specifically, it's essential that we NOT increase spending on body cameras (which have been demonstrated repeatedly to be ineffective, see the New York Times, Pew Trust, Vox, and Yale News), NOT increase funding for tasers or car technology. Similarly, we must not hire new police, and must not re-vest in the de-escalation training-- if the city is truly committed to de-escalating conflicts, they should invest that \$322,000 in trained social workers, who are trained to provide services that a police officer never can. The citizens have spoken. The city is watching. We're asking you to defund the police department, not reinforce it. We want to live in a city where all of us feel safe, and more money to the cops will not make that a reality.
6/16/2020 14:02	Tony Pavlantos	Please Please Please reconsider the increase in funding to SLC police. Our police force is already doing the best it can with what is given. We need to consider putting these funds into public services like mental health professionals, schools and homeless services. I request we follow San Francisco's lead! San Francisco police officers will be replaced with trained, unarmed professionals to respond to calls for help on noncriminal matters involving mental health, the homeless, school discipline and neighbor disputes, as part of a new wave of policereforms. SLC can do this as well. Lets try!!! We need to learn from our mistakes!
6/16/2020 14:07	Whitney Wilde	I am a citizen of Utah, in West Valley City, and I DEMAND the following instead of increasing the police budget; 1- NO spending on body cams, tasers, or police car technology 2- NO spending on de-escalation training 3- NO new hires in the police department for the next year 4- \$30 Million budget cut

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6/16/2020 14:06	Nicole Cannon	Dear Council Member Dugan, As a person of faith, I bell've police violence and brutality against black men and women must end now, particularly in light of the tragic and senseless recent killing of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and so many others. Police violence and systemic racial injustice is tied to America?s original sin of racism and the abhorrent legacy of white supremacy. The time for boldreforms that ensure equal justice under the law extends to everyone is now. As your constituent and a person of faith, I am asking you to do away with policies that lead to the unequal treatment of and violence against black, Indigenous, and people of color and adoptreforms drawn from evidence-based recommendations in the Task Force on 21st Century Policing Report < https://cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/taskforce/taskforce_finalreport.pdf > , Campaign Zero < https://www.joincampaignzero.org/#vision > , and more. Specifically, we call on mayors, local officials, and local police precincts to: * Ban chokeholds and neck restraints in all cases * Require officers to de-escalate situations when possible, eliminating or reducing the need to use force * Require officers to give a verbal warning before shooting * Require officers to exhaust all other alternatives, including non-force and less-lethal force options prior to resorting to deadly force * Ban shooting at moving vehicles * Require officers to intervene and stop the use of excessive force by other officers * Establish a use of force continuum that restricts the most severe types of force * Require officers to report each time they use force or threaten to use force against civilians. Every city'should adopt these policies immediately. Furthermore, we call on you to begin the process now to reimagine public safety by rel'vesting city budgets in programs that expand and enhance restorative justice programs, provide alternatives to incarceration, demilitarize the police, provide crisis intervention and de-escalation training, increase community engagement, and expand holistic collaborative services. The time is now to finally fix this broken system, locally and nationally. Sincerely, Nicole Cannon
6/16/2020 14:04	Anonymous Constituent	please reduce funding for SLCPD by \$30 million and I'vest those funds in community-building services. focus on education, community programs, mental health, and homelessness.

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6/16/2020 14:05	DeLene Olivares Olivares	I hope you take the time to read this in its entirety. Before you even consider or question this please put yourself in their shoes first! Educate yourself with what a police officer actually deals with and does each shift. Go for a ride along. Go hang out at the jail and see what our officers deal with each and every day. Take part in one of their simulations with violent and non violent criminals. Unless you are and officer or married to one you have no idea what they go thru each and every day. The reason you walk around, go shopping, take a drive and feel safe is because of them. So please I implore you EDUCATE YOURSELF! I challenge you to take 1 week and ride along with these officers ON EVERY SHIFT! Take a week and tour the jail and experience each department and shift! YOU have no idea what goes into an officers day. Until you know you cannot and should not make decisions about what is needed or not needed just based on public opinion and what has happened SOMEWHERE ELSE that has nothing to do with the amazing men and women that protect us day in and day out NO QUESTIONS ASKED!
6/16/2020 14:38	Debbie Reeves	I think out Officers are doing a great job. They are putting their lives in danger for everyone. I am disappointed the that Mayor Mendenhal took a knee instead of standing for all of us.
6/16/2020 14:16	Emily Lyver	We are not asking for policereform. We do not want more training and more spent on body cameras. These strategies do not work. Please consider this short article from the New York Times on the topic. We do not simply want to abolish the police, we want to rel'vest the money we spend on the police in building safe communities that don't require policing. There are other ways, better ways, of keeping our city'safe. it's time to think differently and act differently. It is so very clear that the systems we have relied on until now are dangerous and ineffective. Now is the time to imagine a better future. You all have the power to begin this process.I implore you to reconsider your budget and move at least \$30 million dollars away from the police department and into constructive services, like affordable housing, community health care, and transportation. Please help us build a better, safer future and defund the police.

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6/16/2020 14:21	McKinley Merchant	Hello, My name is McKinley Merchant. I am a resident of Rose Park. Like most Americans at this time I am asking that money be taken from police departments and into education and betterment of our communities such as affordable housing. I have been a social worker for over 4 years and I have seen the disparities in social classes and race from working at The Road Home, Canyons School District and now Valley Behavioral Health. We need more money for prevention services such as a social worker and psychologist in every school. We need more section 8 vouchers so we can help ease the homeless population that is rising constantly in this state. We need more money for case managers to help families connect to resources that can help them stay housed or help them keep their children instead of turning them over to the foster care system. Please consider taking money away from policing and putting it into upstream programs so we can begin to help where help is needed instead of constantly reacting to issues of homelessness, mental health issues and addiction. Thank you for your time and consideration, McKinley Merchant
6/16/2020 14:18	Michelle Ankla	Hello, I am writing as a social worker and concerned citizen of SLC. I encourage you to reallocate a majority of the proposed \$84 million police budget to services such as housing, healthcare, education, parks, or anything that actually serves the community rather than harms it. I am extremely concerned about the militarization of the police force and the lack of accountability for improper use of force. Please follow Campaign Zero' < https://www.joincampaignzero.org/?fbclid=IwAR3QByBG6LZifBzySzubIHBkNRvnuhXixwDXsXRSr21A9vheU1sltC5SxAY#vision > s recommendations for limiting use of force and ending for-profit policing. Police should not have quotas to meet for tickets and arrests, and the police department itself should bear the cost of police misconduct. Sincerely, Michelle Ankla
6/16/2020 14:24	Trey Bird	Please vote no today. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. The police must have its extreme budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it starts with your vote.

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6/16/2020 14:26	Devon Cantwell	<p>I am a constituent in your district. I am writing you today to ask you to vote no on the \$1,344,394 proposed increase to the SLCPD budget for this year. I have several concerns about this proposal. First, the \$687,000 for body cameras and tasers is a poor use of funds. According to Yokum et al, the effects of body worn cameras on police violence is a null effect. You can read the peer-reviewed paper with these findings at the following link: https://www.pnas.org/content/116/21/10329. This is the single largest study conducted on the use of these cameras and they used the most rigorous type of research design, a Random Controlled Treatment (RCT). If there were effects of body cameras on police violence, we would have seen them present in this study and we did not. Updating body cameras is a poor policy solution and a poor use of taxpayer dollars. In addition, on page 63 of the SLC PD policy manual, conductive energy devices (tasers) are listed under the intermediate weapons stage in use of force. Other options available here are aerosols and impact weapons. Aerosols are by far the most appropriate category of intermediate weapon to use and would have the most minimal risk of harm on individuals. Tasers can be unreliable up to 40% of the time-- a margin of error that does not exist with pepper spray (also known as olio capsicum). For more information on this, please see the following article: https://www.apmreports.org/story/2019/05/09/when-tasers-fail#:~:text=When%20Tasers%20fail%20to%20subdue,fail%20to%20incapacitate%20a%20suspect. Using OC in the use of force continuum earlier prevents injuries and further uses of force and prevents longer duration incidents. The longer an incident goes the more likely there are to be further uses of force and injury. We should not be l'vesting additional money into taser technology. Second, I am concerned about the de-escalation training. If this training is CIT training, that would be more understandable. There needs to be significantly more information on what this training is exactly, however. Third, I am a vocal advocate for IPV resources. I bell've that the new VSAs being hired with the \$80,798 should not be for the SLCPD, however. I bell've that the city'should use this money to hire VSAs for UDVC or UCASA, both of which are already struggling and under-resourced. Using this money on community based organizations would provide much better care for those experiencing IPV. I would like to speak with you about why you have made these decisions and how you plan to justify these expenditures when they run counter to both constituent wishes and peer-reviewed research. Additionally, I am concerned about the potential use of a judicial levy to procure these additional funds and am against my taxes for the next year going to a solution that is meant to be merely a PR stunt for the city council instead of actual, research-based policy changes.</p>

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6/16/2020 14:19	Arin Lynn	<p>; I am a constituent of yours in District 4 of Salt Lake City. I am reaching out to express my frustration over the increase in the SLC police department's budget. I am disappointed that after so many phone calls and emails asking for a decrease in the police department's budget, the council has decided on an increase. I support the demands for a \$30 million decrease in the police department's budget. Body cameras did not stop police officers from shooting at Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal more than 20 times while he was running away. We demand justice for Bernardo and so many others. We demand deconstruction and reconstruction of police. I urge you to reduce the SLC Police Department's budget by at least \$30 million and instead I'vest into programs that will franchise our most vulnerable populations, including our Black, Indigenous, and POC communities. I'vest in better funding for art programs in education and after-school programs, social work programs, and housing initiatives.</p>

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6/16/2020 14:23	JENNIFER UYEMA	<p>First and foremost, I think it's clear that nationwide we have issues with racism in general. But my profession (working with data) has taught me that you can't apply big data to individuals. Similarly, what happens across the country in policing should not be assumed to be true here in our city without the local data to support it. Do we need to address services and resources in the community? Absolutely. But do we know if reducing the budget of the police department will help? NO. We do not. We already have a CAPITAL CITY police department that has officers who are being paid barely above a living wage, one of the lowest IN THE STATE. And yet where are all these protests happening? Where did the riots occur? Where do diplomats and VIPs come? Where are most big events held? in Salt Lake City. Just this week several SLCPD officers quit and across the nation we see the same thing happening. Not because they were "bad apples" who weeded themselves out. But because they realize that it's not worth being villified and then getting their budgets cut too. You're already losing great officers. Now you want to cut services? Have you asked social workers if they feel comfortable going out to calls by themselves without a police escort? We need changes, but not like this. I propose a new way to look at this: Studies show that when police departments reflect their community in terms of race and diversity (women and POC), they have fewer instances of brutality and issues. Yet SLCPD (and other departments) require that applicants are US Citizens. You can be a permanent resident and serve in the US military but you can't apply to be a police officer? That needs to change. Also, recruitment of more POC is important. We need more diversity. There are hardly any POC leaders in this dept because there are hardly any in the dept at all. Yet SLC is increasingly diverse in regards to race and ethnicity. Increase wages to appropriately pay the officers who are working in the capital city of the state. Increase recruitment for POC. Have SLCPD be more transparent with their trainings and what they are already doing in regards to training, de-escalation, and community policing. And also, I recommend that they get more counseling services so that the stigma found in policing and military is ended. Why require that an officer goes to counseling only after an OIS? Most officers won't be in a shooting in their careers but they do see a lot of trauma. They aren't given sufficient space, time, or resources to deal with all that trauma. it'shouldn't be required ONLY for OISs. In addition to these changes, we must make sure that taxes are sufficiently collected to improve services in the other areas: education, housing, health care, mental health services, etc.</p>

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6/16/2020 14:40	Anonymous Constituent	<p>Good morning, I would like to voice some concerns that i have to this Police budget. All though i haven't been arrested by the police for which I'm proud of. At the tender age of 13, I was brutally raped and beaten by 5 guys. I was able to finally get away. I made it to a couple who took me to the camp hosts, that then proceeded to call the police. I was so thankful when they showed up and arrested the 5 guys. One of the police officers, sat with me as the EMTS readied me for transport. He had the sweetest voice and the kindest words. Durning that entire ordeal, with the cases, those Police officer's showed support being at every court hearing. I will be forever grateful for that! They went above and beyond. I have had other situations, where the police have been called in one Domestic violence. They've came into my home, without knowing the situation. They were never jerks, they held to deescalate the situation and removed one of us from the house for the night. Again, forever thankful! I think that the police department does an amazing job! They shouldn't be punished. However, i do feel that this hate is very much stirred up from the BLM group. I've seen so much racism and intolerance from there group. They should be looked at as a terrorist organization. They are the Black version of the KKK. LEAVE THE POLICE ALONE and go after the real threats. Thank you</p>
6/16/2020 14:41	Yesica Medina Gutierrez	<p>Hello, My name is Yesica Medina Gutierrez and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because [INSERT WHATS IMPORTANT TO YOU OR DELETE SENTENCE]. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in [INSERT WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE I'veSTED IN OR DELETE SENTENCE]. Sincerely, Yesica Medina Gutierrez Sent from my iPhone</p>

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6/16/2020 14:28	Cynthia Hansen	We have been informed the Salt Lake City council is contemplating a 30% cut to the police budget. We are stunned and angry the council would even consider such a vote during these difficult times. 99% of our officers are hard working and dedicated to serving ALL citizens of this beautiful city. By decreasing the police budget you will be sending the absolute wrong message to an already demoralized force, they are called pigs, murderers and other vile words we won't stoop to mention, they are harassed and they and their families are threatened with bodily harm, yet throughout all this our men and women in blue continue to do the best job they can. They are underpaid, under staffed, working with limited resources for training and equipment and you want to add to the misery with a budget cut, they should be getting a budget increase. We understand these are lean times with revenue shortfalls, but cutting the budget to one of the most valuable departments in our city is not the way to go. We hope you realize the police department isn't just a line item on a budget proposal, they are people we grew up with, they're our friends, our neighbors, people with whom we attend church, coaches and soccer moms and they are the first line of defense between lawlessness and anarchy. Without a well paid, fully staffed, trained and equipped police department you will be sending our beautiful city down the road to ruin. Please show our officers you stand with them, you support them, you respect them and you are proud of the job they do, because we sure are. Let's be leaders like San Diego and Houston by increasing our police budget, not followers by jumping on the already overcrowded defund the police band wagon. We thank all of you for your time and thoughtful consideration of our request for a no vote to any and all police budget cuts.
6/16/2020 14:55	Hope Cooc	If you appreciated my feedback, then you would do the right thing and defund the police and stop killing people of color! Take action and do it now! Your words are as broken as your system that only keeps people of color down and kills them off one by one! I want police brutality to end! Defund the police! Hope Cooc On Jun 16, 2020, at 9:28 AM, Council Comments wrote: Thank you for submitting comments to the Salt Lake City Council. Council Members have been informed of your email and appreciate your feedback. Gracias por enviar sus mensajes and Concejo de Salt Lake City. Los miembros del Concejo han sido informados de su mensaje y agradecen su retroalimentación.

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6/16/2020 14:56	Derek Clark	<p>I am writing to you today, to discuss the budget for FY 2020-2021. I would like to begin by emphasizing that you have an informed community. We are aware that police union contracts exist in this country, along with decades of local and state laws to strengthen and protect the SLCPD. However, after weeks of discussion and protests, it is apparent that this council is working towards moving and allocating even more funds to the SLCPD to incorporate more body cameras and training. This is simply unacceptable. The community has been demanding a decrease in funding to the SLCPD. Any increase in new funds to the FY20-21 budget should be allocated to other sectors of this city that are being neglected. Thousands of SLC residents are asking for the reallocation of funds away from the already inflated police budget into productive resources. Throughout the nation, and even here in Salt Lake City there is substantial evidence showing that reforms and police training are insufficient in reducing police violence. Body cams will not stop people of color from dying, but simply force us to keep watching it time and time again. You cannot train racism out of an entire structure built on a history of brutal racism. This is a deep rooted systemic issue that needs to be tackled head on. Your constituents are asking you to follow in the footsteps of Minneapolis, Boston, Los Angeles, San Francisco and others in reducing funding to the local police department, giving more control to the community in addressing excessive police force, and addressing who we send to respond to non violent calls. It is hard to believe that you have absolutely no power in pulling funds from SOME area in the SLCPD budget to prove that you are working for your community. If you truly have no power to reduce even part of this inflated police budget, then it shows that the police control this budget, this city, and this council. We are begging you to listen to your constituents; to have an honest conversation with the community about the violent history of policing in this country, and to grasp this opportunity and take the first step towards a less militarized future. It is insulting to disregard the work and sacrifices your black and brown community members have been making over the past few weeks, months and years in bringing attention to police brutality. This will not be an easy fix. You are not being asked to change the world, but to simply take small steps into a new direction, and finally leave the path that we've seen attack and fail black and brown communities so many times before. If we say Black Lives Matter, we need to show that we mean it. Thank you.</p>

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6/16/2020 14:25	Merlene Huggins	<p>As a detective in the Mental Health Unit and a Peer Support Officer, I wanted to urge you to create emergency funding for the mental health of our officers. Following an independent, anonymous survey I arranged in conjunction with a mental health professional last December, where 48 percent of our agency (sworn and nonsworn) responded, shockingly, we had multiple individuals admit they were actively thinking about suicide on a regular basis. Given the current state of events, I'm confident those numbers have increased significantly. If substantial measures are not taken quickly, we will lose several officers to suicide. Further, because of current stresses, more officers (and dispatchers) will struggle with personal relationships and/or substance abuse. Many officers have told me they want to retire or quit. Some already have. Those who are not emotionally healthy or under significant stress will make bad decisions on and off the job, or use force inappropriately. This, of course, will attract unwanted, negative media attention and leave the city open to civil liability. In each of these cases there will be a significant financial loss to the city, not to include a severe culture impact with long term negative effects. We need a much more robust mental health program, and unfortunately, that takes money. Several weeks ago a company that assesses officers for risk (Previdence) made a proposal to the police department at my request. Much to my chagrin, I was informed that there was not enough money in the budget to help identify mental health risk (\$66,000). Dispatch had a similar situation. Please consider the cost. Even if one life is saved, it's worth it. However, if you want a more professional organization with less problems, both in dispatch and law enforcement, I again urge you to create emergency funding for the mental health of city employees. I am happy to discuss this with any of you further, if desired.</p> <p>Note: This expresses my personal opinion and not the opinion of the SLCPD.</p>

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6/16/2020 14:27	Claire Taylor	I saw that you plan to increase the police budget amid an overwhelming amount of comments requesting to defund the Salt Lake City police department and move those funds to social services. Could you please explain to me why you are choosing to increase the budget and what this will do to help the citizens of Salt Lake City? Will it'serve them better than social programs will? I also ask you to consider what the action of increasing the police budget signals to the public. To me, it tells the public that you do not care about the wants or needs of your citizens. It tells the public that participating in democracy does not work, that citizens' verbalized needs are disregarded. I ask you to look at the results of studies done of the efficacy of policereform. Does policereform actually lead to more morality in a police force? Do police actually keep us safe when they are largely looking for small crimes? Or do social programs, better education and better housing lead to a safer and healthier community? I imagine you are under a lot of pressure from the governor and the police department to increase funding rather than to decrease it. But I ask you to think about this from an ethical perspective on behalf of your citizens.

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6/16/2020 14:29	Darius Bost	<p>requests to defund the police. Throughout her portion of the show the mayor continued to reiterate that she and the council were "listening" to constituents. Yet it seems like what the council heard was that the idea for a \$30 million dollar budget cut "came out of thin air," and is a "knee jerk reaction" to a broader system of injustice that would take time to address. This is true, and perhaps we did not break down that number for you. But the focus on that point draws attention away from the fact that you were overwhelmingly asked by your constituents to cut the budget and fire the police chief. Community members have given very specific requests for change and nothing in your budget discussions seem to reflect these points. So why focus on the number and not on the fact that people asked for less policing and more community-centered initiatives? Maybe this is because you all have faith that Mike Brown's "heart is in the right place." But Black and Brown Americans have been waiting on white American hearts to change since Gunnar Myrdal wrote An American Dilemma in 1940. We can no longer afford to WAIT on change in white People's heart, and that includes Chief Mike Brown and the majority of his officers. How many lives will be lost at the hands of police while we wait to make more "incremental" change? Chief Brown's racist response to the question of defunding cemented my lack of faith in him, and made me question yours. When asked about defunding his department, he said that people of color are overwhelmingly victims of violent crime and therefore a reduction in the budget would therefore exacerbate this issue. In essence he deployed the "black on black crime" response to divert the question away from the reality that police officers are often the victimizers of people of color. Yet the protections police officers are afforded by the state means that these actions are very rarely considered violent crime. And this is the fundamental problem the protestors are trying to confront. You might have faith in Chief Brown, but we, the people, do not. His interview, however sympathetic his performance, reaffirmed the fears that many people have about what the police think about communities of color, and why they no longer want to partner with the police or have their communities patrolled by them. I came away from the interview feeling that the council understood the protests as scripted, irrational, and expecting, as professor LaShawn Williams so callously put it, "a silver bullet." But what we want is meaningful change. None of the bullet points listed in the budget or in the mayor's tweet seem meaningful to me as a black person who has witnessed a lynching by the police in 2020; who fears being racially profiled, stopped, and possibly killed simply because I'm black. People are demanding justice for the dead and that you should be focused on, not on the arbitrariness of a dollar amount that the community requested. Regarding the increased reporting:</p>

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6/16/2020 14:41	Laura Giles	Hello Members of the Salt Lake City Council, I am not a resident of Salt Lake City. Rather, I live few miles south in Utah County. But, I do visit'salt Lake City regularly, visiting the city's wonderful shops and restaurants. I am very concerned about the possible "defunding" the police that you are considering. To the vast majority of people, the idea of removing funds from police departments and creating more programs (there are already many, many programs in place. I know this very well as a public school teacher and writer for The Daily Herald newspaper) is preposterous. As you must be aware, police departments are already woefully underfunded. I hope you have taken time to spend time with your police department to fully understand this. If budget cuts to the police are made, I, as well as many others, I'm sure, will not feel comfortable visiting and spending money in your city. How unfortunate for everyone! Taking money from the police would hurt those most vulnerable. Please do the right thing for all of us who love SLC! Thank you, Laura Giles
6/16/2020 14:30	Deb Tsao	I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am extremely disappointed in your failure to hear the voices of your constituents. I DO NOT want an increase in budget for the SLCPD even if it is for body cams, technology, and de-escalation training. These measures have been PROVEN to be insufficient and will not solve the underlying problems of the SLCPD. Choosing reform" over defunding the police against the will of your constituents, especially so soon after the murder of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal shows insensitivity, lack of compassion for those that you represent, short-sightedness, and ignorance. Increasing the budget for the SLCPD is the exact opposite of what I and many other SLC residents have been fighting for. This money would be much better spent on services that would build up our community, such as education and health care.
6/16/2020 14:59	Anonymous Constituent	Over the last 5 years, policereform has had no effect on police misconduct, I request our police to become demilitarized, and until a better system can be implemented, a reduced budget, hiring freeze, and a reduction in patrols. These are needed right now to cut back on the disastrous interactions between the police and the civilians they are sworn to protect. As the economy is tanking, and the pandemic is worsening, the last thing we need is to take more taxpayer money to over fund a failing system.

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6/16/2020 14:31	Camille Morgenstern	<p>I am a constituent of yours. I attended the University of Utah where I majored in International Studies and am currently working at a law firm here in Salt Lake. I am emailing about last Tuesday's virtual public meeting addressing the proposal of defunding the police department. After the outpour of demands from residents to reallocate \$30 million dollars out of the proposed \$84 million budget for police funding, I am disheartened and frustrated to hear that you have decided to increase the proposed budget. This isn't coming from a place of hatred of the police and law enforcement, but an acknowledgement and understanding that the institutions of policing and law enforcement in this country are inherently cruel and racist because of their racist roots that hearken all the way back to slavery. The police have become "the New Jim Crow" to quote Michelle Alexander, because it is this country's newest iteration of a system of oppression for people of color [source]. Look at the facts, at the data. It is undeniable, and unequivocally WRONG and advisors during the Nixon and Reagan eras OPENLY ADMIT IT [source][source]. Let's be honest: the police are not about keeping communities safe, otherwise they wouldn't spend valuable time and resources on nonviolent arrests and crimes; they are about policing and controlling people of color. And Utah is the worst of all 50 states?black Utahns making up 1.06% of the population, yet somehow 10% of police killings in the last seven years. [source] As a student of social sciences and humanities and a human with a moral compass, I demand that the increase of funding being moved to the non-departmental budget for the purpose of "more transparency" is reallocated into community building services outside of the police department. I demand no spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. I demand no spending on de-escalation training for police officers. I demand no new hires in the police department this year. I demand that \$30 million dollars from the proposed budget is reallocated into services which actually protect and serve members of our community such as mental health services/counseling, affordable housing, accessible healthcare, and public education. Thank you for listening to my concerns. I hope you consider these requests and listen to the voices of your constituents during this time.</p>
6/16/2020 14:54	Carly Gustaveson Gustaveson	<p>I am writing in support of defunding the police. I work in the criminal justice system myself, and have seen first hand that our drug addicted, mentally ill, and otherwise marginalized populations are harmed by our current model of policing. I support defunding the police so they do not have to deal with social services matters, and reallocating those funds to professionals trained in evidence-based interventions.</p>

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6/16/2020 14:33	Dwight Barrett	Please make sure you have plenty of money for the police. Our safety comes first. If we are not protected nothing else will matter. Society must have safety in order to function. Nothing should have a higher priority. We need to have a jail. We must have a place for criminals no matter what the cost. Sell the golf course and build a jail with the proceeds. Our safety comes first.

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6/16/2020 14:38	Eden Brush	<p>nation, state, and city. I am aware that you proposed some changes to the SLCPD budget during the June 11th City Council meeting (1). While I recognize that you made these changes with the best intentions, I still demand more from you. I have already written to you demanding that you increase police accountability and make meaningfulreform while simultaneously defunding our police department. I write in solidarity with my fellow citizens demanding a \$30 million dollar budget cut and a hiring freeze for all officers during the next fiscal year. I will address the budget changes in the order they appear on the City Council website below and outline why they are insufficient. Creating a commission dedicated to addressing police brutality and racial inequality in policing is a step in the right direction. I look forward to hearing more about this commission in the coming weeks, and I hope that it will truly have the power to hold officers accountable for their actions. However, "moving funds out of the Police Department for training and equipment purchases (body cameras and tech, tasers, etc.)" fails to meet the demands of your citizens. Defunding the police means reducing their budget. While reallocation of the police budget is important and should accompany police defunding, this change is not enough. The Police department is still receiving all of this funding for training and technology, so you're not really moving funds out of the department. De-escalation training is important but was ineffective in Minneapolis and other cities across the country. What proved far more effective in the case of Camden, NJ was a total dissolution of their police department, which was then rebuilt from the ground up. If you have not already studied this particular case, I urge you to do so (2). I bell've Camden more accurately represents the potential positives and negatives of how we are asking you to use your power. While I recognize that each city is unique, I do not have total faith in training a department with an already entrenched culture -- a department led by a chief who can say that he doesn't think that the SLCPD has a problem with implicit bias and structural racism (3). This is the same department that arrested 46 protestors on May 30, many of whom were within their rights to peacefully protest injustice, and failed to arrest a white supremacist who threatened the lives of those very same protestors with a bow. This is the same department that killed Patrick Harmon and Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal even though those officers received "extensive training [...] on implicit bias" (3). Everyone has implicit biases to some extent, so to ignore the importance that bias plays in policing is dangerous. Certainly, Utah as a whole is not exceptional when it comes to a lack of racial profiling, can you honestly say the SLCPD is much better? Further, I'veesting additional funds in body cameras and tasers won't make a meaningful, positive impact. We have bodycam footage from the shooting of Bernardo Palacios-</p>

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6/16/2020 14:39	David Fernandez	<p>media for engaging people to discuss their differences. The technology can be hijacked to easily by people who are just interested in creating dissent on both sides. I'll get to that in a moment. I do read the posts from people to try to get an understanding of what is occurring in the neighborhood. Pre-Covid I've actually reached out to some of the people to engage them face to face. A lot can happen over a cup of coffee. The other reason I view this site is to get an idea of the crime that is occurring in Highland Park. I bell've the main type of crime that is occurring day to day in my neighborhood is what you described as ?car prowls?.</p> <p>Currently, my air conditioning is broken. Consequently, I have my doors open more often than I would during the summer. I also have a somewhat neurotic dog, who barks at all threats real or imaginary. It is surprising to me how many people have shown up on my porch just ?looking? around. Not to racial profile, but all of these people have been white. People of color would attract a lot of attention in this neighborhood. I have been robbed 5 times since I have lived here. Of those robberies I only reported only one. Most of the time the items taken were small and not noticed for a couple of days, sunglasses, small gifts, etc. The last time was the day after the riots in downtown Salt Lake and I bell've it occurred during the mid morning just prior to taking my dog out for a walk. I might have left my car unlocked from the night before when I was rushed getting back from my friend?s house to beat the curfew. When I was walking down Hartford the next morning I noticed a gray Toyota pull out and leave in a hurry. I didn?t give it much thought until I remembered a post about a ?Look Out for this Guy and his truck? which had a poor picture of a man who had followed a woman home. The post had been taken down because of a derogative police remark made from a person on Reddit. Given that site?s right wing base, it'seemed to me that comment was made to intentionally hijack the post and get the picture removed. Then again I might be suffering from Covid Stay at Home Induced Conspiracy Theory. Yesterdays? ?Stay Alert!? post gave me a chill that is not related to the strange times that we are living in. The one robbery I did report was a robbery inside my house which occurred on 10/29/13 case #13-173176. The robber stole a lot of miscellaneous items with a value of approximately \$4500.00. Two lever action rifles which were stolen had more sentimental value to me than their monetary worth. Seven months after the robbery, the detective on the case called to inform me that one of the rifles had been located at a Pawn shop on State Street. Eventually, the thief was charged on case #14015425. The relevance to the current times is that the person who tried to pawn the rifle was Blair Allred. Yes, connected to that Allred family. I found out later that his Modus operandi was to get work as a maintenance man in Highland Park and steal from the</p>

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6/16/2020 14:40	Lydia Keenan	SLC Council, I am writing to you again to ask that you reconsider the budget changes that have been proposed for the 2020-2021 Salt Lake City budget. Although I do agree that abolishing and completely defunding the police immediately is difficult and radical - I do bell've allocating significantly less money to the police and rel'vesting that money into other areas of our city is of the utmost importance. After the previous City Council meeting and comment period, it was decided to l'vest in measures and procedures that have been shown to be ineffective (increased de-escalation trainings, more body cameras, additional technology). While these have been proposed to solve police violence in the past, it is cleary time for more drastic change. We have a unique position as a growing city in a small state, and we have a growing population of diversity. Please consider rel'vesting a significant amount of the police budget into housing programs, youth engagement, homeless assistance, increased training for EMS and social work services, etc. There are many beautiful things about this city and I would love to see the leadership reflect that. Lydia Keenan (Salt Lake City resident)

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6/16/2020 14:53	Zachary Shenk	<p>Esteemed authorities, My name is Zachary Shenk and I am a resident of Sandy, in the Willow Creek neighborhood. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community well-being and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well-documented history of murdering Black, Indigenous, and people of color--most recently, Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal was shot more than 20 times by SLCPD officers. What has been done with the officers responsible for this egregious display of force? They must be subject to justice and charged for their crimes, even though Bernardo was never given that opportunity. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. The SLCPD does not support our communities, but rather seeks to serve as judge, jury and executioner. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahns during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community well-being, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,</p> <p>Zachary Shenk</p>

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6/16/2020 14:43	Drew Chortkoff	I am a resident of the Salt Lake district. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.
6/16/2020 14:44	Jack Hurty	I do not think that increasing police department funding is the right call. We need to redirect money towards new and existing services that do not rely on violence and guns to solve problems. Address the root causes of crime by funding programs that deal with mental health, homelessness, economic opportunity, etc.

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6/16/2020 14:48	David Forsman	and I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote. Listen to the fucking people you're supposed to represent! How can you sleep at night when you see what's happening yet still carry on in the same antiquated ways that have proven to be nothing short of disgusting?! We're all counting on you to do the right thing.
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6/16/2020 14:53	Dylan Griffin	I'm a proud resident of SLC in district 2. Now what's this I hear about you voting to actually give more funds to the police after we the people have been demanding they be defunded? How can you take a look around and think that's the right thing to do? Do you know the definition of tone-deaf? I suggest you look it up, because that is how you and your colleagues are acting right now. No amount of training will stop cops from being able to kill and attack citizens, if you haven't learned that by now, you are either just willfully ignorant or obviously dumb - both of which aren't good. We must defund the police by \$30 million at least and devote those funds to things that actually protect and serve the public. Put it towards education, towards eliminating school lunch debt for children, towards healthcare, towards shelters. Buddy, I can keep going all day of better uses for a whopping \$30 million dollars than to give it to an organization that is militarized to beat protestors and murder innocent civilians. If you cannot achI've defunding the police and working towards a future where armed cops are not the first response to any and every incident, then you will be voted out for somebody who does. I'm proud to be from SLC, we have a real opportunity to pave the way forward and be progressive and show we actually care for one another. Do the right thing. it's that simple. Defund the police by at least \$30 million from the upcoming budget. Black Lives Matter.
6/16/2020 14:57	Hannah Foster	Dear City Council, My name is Hannah Foster and I live in Salt Lake City. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grI've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote. Sent from my iPhone
6/16/2020 15:04	George Domat	Good Morning Ana, Please see short excerpt from a letter received from George Domat. I have attached the full letter. ?Dear Councilwoman Valdemoros, As a constituent of your district, I am writing to urge you to take concrete steps aimed at preventing future cases of police brutality against people of color and marginalized communities. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the well documented history of police murdering and unfairly targeting Black people.?

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6/16/2020 14:55	Hal Cooper	Chris, You and other elected officials are bowing to pressure from radical leftist groups when it comes to police funding. Ive read your bio so its no surprise why you are promoting the leftist agenda in a republican state. Your values are your own and don't reflect the values or goals of most Utah citizens. Your goal of defunding is especially foolish with the current volatility that exists in our country and state. Our police force has been a model for other cities/states to follow. Your goal is to take their funding and put it into more democratic/socialist type programs. Your values are out of line with Utah values. Sent from my iPad
6/16/2020 15:00	Dylan Huff	I live and work in downtown Salt Lake City. I am writing to you today to demand our police force be defunded, to rel'vest in your community as well as your constituents. Policereform has been touted for decades. As clearly stated by Christy Lopez, a professor at Georgetown Law School and a co-director of the school?s Innovative Policing Program, ?it has become clear to me that reform? is not enough. Making sure that police follow the rule of law is not enough. Even changing the laws is not enough.? For the Salt Lake City council to even suggest that we provide increased funding forreforms, training, and accountability that is proven to be ineffective, as opposed to rel'vesting in the community, is beyond upsetting - it is insulting. As council members elected by your community, it is your duty to act in the best manner for your constituents. You need to listen to the voice of the people, screaming at the top of our lungs, imploring you to defund the police. Do not allow yourselves the lies thatreform works. Do not continue to do the exact same thing, and expect different results - this is insanity. With the requested 30 million dollar budget cut, the salt lake city council could fund the following: ? Hire 235 new teachers AND give all a desperately needed 20% raise. ? Provide rent relief for 24,291 months, or 2,024 years, with the average cost of rent being \$1235. ? Provide MEDICAL INSURANCE in a PANDEMIC for 5,530 individuals or 2,140 families, with the average cost of a monthly individual with no subsidy coming it a whopping \$452, and \$1168 for a family. ? Provide 333,333 therapy sessions, with the average cost per session at \$90. ? Feed residents 2.3 million meals, or 6,322 meals per day, with a high average meal cost of \$13. This means FEEDING HUNGRY CHILDREN, children that are hungry right now, children that are starving in our city today. I demand that the Salt Lake City council members will not continue to disregard the community, the constituents, and the political climate of the entire nation, and move forward with the proposed SLC Police department increase. I demand the council vote with and for the people, defund the police department, and I'vest in our community, growth, and safety.

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6/16/2020 15:05	Dave Alderman	Council Chair Wharton - I strongly support your comments as reported in the Tribune today. Rather than an arbitrary reduction, continue to focus money on items that will decrease violence, increase police accountability, and neighborhood safety, for all of Salt Lake City. I bell've that the City was on the right track with the Funding our Future plans for more officers and community policing. I am deeply troubled by what I saw in the shooting of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal and hope that the I'vestigation will be independent, transparent, and quick. And that the follow-up actions for individuals and department processes should reflect the facts of the I'vestigation. But arbitrarily cutting \$30 million dollars from Police budgets is an extremely bad idea. It is a good idea to review the Police Department's roles and see where there may be better options to perform some of those duties. But that should be a thoughtful process, not a quick reaction. Let's file a flight plan, before the plane takes off. I know that you've received a lot of comments on cutting the budget. I wanted to make sure you also have some comments to go slow and make sure we really make beneficial changes that will improve things.
6/16/2020 15:05	Jessie Thomas	let?s normalize *changing** our opinion. Thank you. On Tue, Jun 16, 2020 at 12:00 PM Jessie Thomas <jerthomas3@gmail.com <mailto:jerthomas3@gmail.com> > wrote: My name is Jessie Thomas and I am a citizen of Salt Lake City, Utah. I am writing to demand a decrease in the Salt Lake Police Department?s 2020-2021 budget. I have personally witnessed police brutality and aggressive force in this city where none was needed and have been traumatized by the lack of accountability out police force hold themselves to. Why would they need more money for tasers when they already have full-on riot gear ? Why would we think they need more training when year after yearreform has proven not to work (as we?ve witnessed with the recent slaughter of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajar). Each year their budget has been increased by over 1 million and it isn't showing to help. Why would we think an additional 1.3 million would help? We have let Salt Lake City be tortured in an ignorant loop of counter-productivity. If we do not start to decrease their budget by at least \$30 million and redirect the funds to actually building the community (education, crises management, mental health facilities etc. [just imagine the possibilities]) we will only see more of the same unnecessary force, wrongful deaths, and protesting. I for one, will not let up until this happens. Cities like LA and minneapolis are leading the country in defunding the police and positive change. Lets help Salt Lake City lead the nation and let?s normalize our opinions after being presented with new information. With trust, Jessie Thomas

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6/16/2020 14:46	Allan Phelps	I understand that funding of SLCPD is scheduled for vote later today. With that in mind, I ask the Council to consider the following comment. I am a board member of Westpointe Community and NeighborWorks SLC. I am also assigned to the Westside Coalition. In these capacities, I have been in numerous meetings with discussions on how to better involve and serve our minority community members. These discussions often include representatives from SLC and Utah government. SLCPD representation has also been involved. Salt Lake City has already been trying to be reponsive to all. I also know that SLCPD has continuous efforts toward involvement with minority residents. A simple peruse though their website will confirm this. SLCPD's efforts in this regard may be significantly hindered after a funding cut. I know they are not perfect. Even with the best known training. Officers are expected daily to be able to enter dangerous situations. With possibly only moments to make critical life and death decisions. And with innocents to protect and their own families waiting at home. All in the SLC Council already know this. Perhaps a better solution than considering defunding is to divert funding to research and aquisition of better stand off and subdue technology and methods. (Besides just tear gas and rubber bullets.) For instance, I have seen gun fired bolas that stop a fleeing suspect at a significant distance. Thank you, James, for your representation of our community.
6/16/2020 15:06	april dineen	please give more money to people who can help instead of the police! we demand the police is defunded
6/16/2020 13:51	Brad Brad	You are 100% wrong. Re-visit the law and re watch the video. You criticize an officer for following the law and doing an exceptional job of protecting himself, others and you from harm. You are antagonistic and simply fueling an out of control fire. Shame on you. "These types of shootings" is a blatant attempt to vilify an officer protecting the public. Shot 28 times in the back.. Shame on you

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6/16/2020 13:29	Delina McCann	As a member of your district during times like these I feel it is important to express to you my views on the current conversation around policingreform. There is strong evidence that additional training and surveillance does nothing to actually deescalate situations and stop police misconduct. It just makes it easier to see. The police didn't worry about their body cams when they shot that man in the back in Atlanta. We need to redirect money from the police department to community programs that can actually help people. Instead of operation rio grand just criminalizing the homeless and dispersing them to new and different parks in the city we could have spent that money actually helping them. Funding methadone clinics and treatment centers, counseling and affordable housing. Please think on this when voting for the budget this week. We don't hate the police, we just want them to actually solve real crimes (no one seems to care when actual burglaries and car break-ins) we are too busy policing issues like addiction and mental health. Social workers for non-violent calls is a good step, but we need to rethink everything, not just throw more money at technology to "catch" police policing poorly. The whole system is set up to enable them, and encourage them to police poorly.

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6/16/2020 13:49	Nune Phillips	<p>taking place in our community. As the most progressive city in our state, Salt Lake city'should set the standard by which we drive conservationist policies, economic advancement, social service and social justice efforts, diversity, and inclusivity. For too long, policing practices and the criminal justice system have continued, as they were designed, to oppress minority communities. As recent protests against structural racism and police brutality have demonstrated, now is the time to reevaluate the city's priorities and change course. We as a society can no longer turn our backs to these injustices. I urge the Salt Lake City Council to reconsider the proposed increases to the police department budget and instead I'vest in resources that strengthen our community. The city's budget is a moral document and should reflect the values of the Council, the Mayor, and the residents of Salt Lake City. By I'vesting more in police departments and policing systems, you demonstrate a fear of your residents and a need to control them. Increased resources towards the police department tells the residents that you've given up on them, that you no longer see their potential and instead view them as adversaries. This is an opportunity for real change. Show residents that you value them - their role in the community, their potential, their inherent worth - especially those individuals and families that may need additional support to thrive. Leverage this movement as policymakers to go beyond just reappropriating money. After living out of state for a number of years, I was disheartened to return to my hometown in 2018 to discover that corporate and tech industries, large-scale development, and luxury real estate has been dominating downtown and the surrounding areas. Salt Lake city'seems more interested in cultivating a predominately white and wealthy population rather than protecting longtime residents and providing opportunity for low- and middle-income Salt Lakers to thrive in their own city. Skyscrapers and luxury apartments detract from the realities plaguing our community, including the proliferation of low-wage jobs, a lack of affordable housing, limited access to free or low-cost public transportation, deteriorating public schools, and more. The harsh realities of gentrification mean that long-standing lower-income and racially diverse populations get priced and policed out of their neighborhood while economic development favoring the white and wealthy move in. Instead of pushing residents out of the city because they can no longer afford it, the Council should I'vest resources into the programs and support systems that will help them thrive and contribute within the community. Create a city where those of all incomes, races, and identities can thrive. Now is the time for the Salt Lake City Council to reevaluate its priorities and tear down the barriers that have for too long silenced the voices and concerns of disadvantaged communities. Put action to the progressive</p>

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6/16/2020 15:02	Nathaniel Masudal	To Whom it May Concern, My name is Nathaniel Masudal and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am calling in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I DEMAND that before Tuesday's vote, the city makes drastic cuts to the SLCPD budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocates the money to community building services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I believe the funds should go towards community resources and education rather than the police department. I hope you will take the time to consider my request. Thank you so much for your time, Nathaniel Masudal
6/16/2020 13:51	Emma Brain	I am a resident of Sugar House. I'll keep this short because you've got a big decision to make today. You've voiced your sympathy for the Black Lives Matter movement as well as the way that the police budget impacts how much power the police have! The way that they are operating right now just isn't ethical. Please consider divesting there and investing into other community programs that could prevent crime in the long-term.

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6/16/2020 14:03	Wallace Peaslee	My entire life I have lived in the avenues, and SLC has always been my home. I am one of your constituents and emailing because, like many other SLC citizens, I think the proposed budget is broken with respect to police spending. The excessive funding going to the police department should be redistributed (eg creating a network of social services instead of relying on police and supporting underserved communities). Although a previous vote to increase the budget with the aim to improve the police through body cameras, Tasers, and de-escalation training might seem like a good course of action, I bell've measures like these should be funded without increasing the police budget (for example freeing funds by implementing a hiring freeze) alongside further significant budget decreases. With the potential adoption of the budget this evening, I hope you reject the proposed budget and instead support one that defunds the police.
6/16/2020 13:57	Miranda Mitchell	In regards to the police budget, please do not decrease at this time. I do not see how this will be helpful in our current predicament. I am all for reviewing police policy and procedures to improve the safety of both our officers and the public but I do not see how decreasing their budget would help. Perhaps in 10 years when we have undergone healthcarereform, have improved mental health resources, improved addiction services and treatment, and improved homelessness resources, perhaps then we could decrease policing. Until these replacements are up and running, it'seems awfully premature to decrease the SLCPD budget. I do agree that too much has been put on the plates of our police officers, and it'seems awfully unfair to ask them to be proficient in so many different problems within our society. However decreasing the budget before we are prepared to pick up the slack elsewhere, seems foolish. Also, I would like to comment on the statement made by Amy Fowler regarding the shooting of Bernardo in Salt Lake City. I think it's incredibly unprofessional for her to make comments on whether or not the shooting is justified before being briefed and l'vestigated. While of course any outcome of this kind is tragic and not desired, that does not mean it's un justified. Of course watching a video of anyone being killed is going to be emotional and upsetting, but also try and have some empathy for the police officers who had to go through that situation and will never be the same because of it. It is perfectly acceptable to call for a thorough l'vestigation and give sympathy to Bernardo?s family, but I?m very disappointed in Amy for automatically stating it is unjustified without actual knowledge of that. It appears this was done just to be inflammatory and look good politically. Thank you for your time, Miranda Mitchell Sent from my iPhone

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6/16/2020 14:10	Zack Schafer	Hello, I am emailing as a concerned SLC resident. I bell've that SLC can be one of the cities that is an example for others. We need to put the enormous amount funding that goes to our police department elsewhere. This would decrease the need for policing and help the community. Let us treat the disease and not the symptoms. Please please please consider reevaluating these funds! Thanks, Zack Schafer
6/16/2020 13:58	Sammi Dutcher	Reallocate funding to social programs in order to enact REAL change.
6/16/2020 14:00	Chelle Brain	Please consider this input: divest from traditional police budget/program support to a more diverse response to community matters. Thank you, Chelle Brain Sent from my iPhone
6/16/2020 14:16	Doug Leavitt	I am writing to you to encourage you to support the police departments in Utah. We have great officers who sacrifice so much to defend us and put their lives on the line to keep you and me safe. Please do not give into the national hysteria surrounding incidents that have nothing to do with the amazing men and women who protect us. Support them and show them we are grateful
6/16/2020 14:19	Sara Wolovick	I want the City Council to reduce the Salt Lake City Police Department's budget substantially and rel'vest those funds in affordable housing, public transit, mental health resources, evidence-based non-carceral drug treatment programs, education, domestic violence shelters and services, and wraparound services for people experiencing homelessness. it's very clear that the City Council is trying very hard to avoid listening to their many many constituents who are asking them to defund the police. I hope Councilmembers will look into what happened in NYC when the NYPD decided to do less proactive policing as a way to show the city that their aggressive policing tactics were necessary. Complaints of serious violent crimes actually dropped. When I say defund the police department, I mean have fewer officers, stop purchasing and maintaining expensive and unnecessary military gear, and instead focus on both addressing the conditions which lead to crime and providing appropriate interventions for People'suffering from a mental health crisis using trained mental health professionals. Also, we need to have meaningful oversight of police misconduct, relying on police internal affairs offices is not sufficient.
6/16/2020 14:14	Tessa Lapray	I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am calling in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I DEMAND that before Tuesday's vote, the city makes drastic cuts to the SLCPD budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocates the money to community building services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because funding for the police and incarceration is too high and is part of the major issues involved in the disastrous systemic racism that exists and thrives in the United States. Failure to reallocate funds is oppression and allows for funding to continually be cut from the people, schools, hospitals, services and infrastructure. I hope instead you l'vest \$30 million in the public education system.

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6/16/2020 14:27	Derek Wetenkamp	it's obvious that you heard all of the outcry that your 2020/21 budget caused, but it's even more obvious that you are not listening to us. We do not want money spent on tasers and body cameras. We do not want money spent on new technologies for police cars. We do not want money spent on de-escalation training. We do not want more new hires. We do want that money spent on affordable housing. We do want that money spent on our community. We do want that money spent on education. We do want money spent on public transportation. Please actually listen to what we are trying to say here. Cut the police budget by \$30 million. Do not give them more money.
6/16/2020 14:16	Devin Boyle	I am a slc resident of district 3. I am contacting you in regards to the 2020-2021 budget, to demand that you re-allocate at least \$30 million away from SLCPD, and toward public services like housing, public transit, after school programs, mental health crisis workers, and other community initiatives. I also request that the mayor maintains a hiring freeze on any new police officers. I am incredibly disappointed to see the results of the most recent city council meeting, which instead of listening to your constituents, you decided to actually increase the police budget for body cameras, tasers, adding technology to police vehicles. de-escalation training (which has proven to be overwhelmingly ineffective) and victim advocates. Body cameras do not decrease police violence, and did not stop SLCPD from killing Bernardo Palacios. Increasing funding of police at the detriment of every other community program is an insult to your constituents. Salt Lake needs to reduce and eliminate military weapons in the hands of police, and instead I'veest in our community health by providing better libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers.
6/16/2020 14:52	Elly Smith	I live in Salt Lake City Utah. I?m sending this message in regards to potential amendments to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I want to express to you the frustration I feel with the proposed addition of funds given to the SLCPD'so that they can receive more tasers, body cams, and tech. These have been proven to not be effective in stopping police brutality, like we have seen with the SLCPD's murder of Bernardo Palacios Carbajal. I demand as a citizen that this money not be added to the already egregious \$84 million SLCPD budget when the funds would be more helpful to the citizens if it was I'vested somewhere else in the community.
6/16/2020 15:01	Emily Burn	I am against defunding the police department by 30% We have a good police department and if we defund them we are going to end up loosing so many good cops, in my opinion they deserve to make more than they do now.

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6/16/2020 14:56	Elise Jeppsen	I urge you to reconsider the funding for police. I work as a Nurse in an Emergency Department and I value the police officers I work with. Although police are vital to the safety of our community, the excess funds must be used to rel'vest in underserved communities. Rerouting this money into areas like education, youth programs, and/or improving underdeveloped persons healthcare will, in the long term, support a population by providing avenues for growth rather than oppressing them through enforcement. Help advocate for the success of a vibrant black future by allocating the excessive police funds toward community resources that will therefore decrease the demand in police force. Thank you for your consideration in this life altering matter.
6/16/2020 14:50	Doug Nagie	and I?m a recent graduate of the U. From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we grl've collectively, as thousands, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been tried, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-building services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote.

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6/16/2020 14:59	Craig Simmons	Dear Council Member Valdemoros, As a person of faith, I bell've police violence and brutality against black men and women must end now, particularly in light of the tragic and senseless recent killing of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and so many others. Police violence and systemic racial injustice is tied to America?s original sin of racism and the abhorrent legacy of white supremacy. The time for boldreforms that ensure equal justice under the law extends to everyone is now. As your constituent and a person of faith, I am asking you to do away with policies that lead to the unequal treatment of and violence against black, Indigenous, and people of color and adoptreforms drawn from evidence-based recommendations in the Task Force on 21st Century Policing Report, Campaign Zero, and more. Specifically, we call on mayors, local officials, and local police precincts to: ? Ban chokeholds and neck restraints in all cases ? Require officers to de-escalate situations when possible, eliminating or reducing the need to use force ? Require officers to give a verbal warning before shooting ? Require officers to exhaust all other alternatives, including non-force and less-lethal force options prior to resorting to deadly force ? Ban shooting at moving vehicles ? Require officers to intervene and stop the use of excessive force by other officers ? Establish a use of force continuum that restricts the most severe types of force ? Require officers to report each time they use force or threaten to use force against civilians. Every city'should adopt these policies immediately. Furthermore, we call on you to begin the process now to reimagine public safety by rel'vesting city budgets in programs that expand and enhance restorative justice programs, provide alternatives to incarceration, demilitarize the police, provide crisis intervention and de-escalation training, increase community engagement, and expand holistic collaborative services. The time is now to finally fix this broken system, locally and nationally.
6/16/2020 14:25	Dean Perkins	We are writing in support of the currently proposed budget for the police department of Salt Lake. We feel the police do a fabulous job. We actually don't feel like they are paid enough. They put themselves in harms way to keep us safe. We can't imagine the chaos that our city would be in without these brave men and women. We often wonder what inspires people to become police officers.....but are glad that someone wants to. These dedicated individuals respond to calls regarding many situations in our community from crimes to traffic accidents and traffic control. We feel safe knowing that the police are there to respond to any emergency

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From: McCart, Jami
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 2:37 PM
To: Doubt, Tim; Winters, Steven; Langford, Jodi; Thompson, Mary Beth; Salazar, David; Oldroyd, Jaysen
Subject: RE: Police MOU Negotiation Items - PD Administration

Thanks Chief

I have those added to our next agenda items.

From: Doubt, Tim [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 5:22 PM
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Police MOU Negotiation Items - PD Administration

I promised Steve a list of items in the MOU that I would like to add to the negotiations. Here is my initial pass.

Location	Title	PD's Position
Article 3, C, 4	President Working Time	Said we would negotiate this. I have some ide
Article 3, C, 7	Bulletin Boards	We don't do this now, do we need to change
Article 5, A, 3	Wages (shift differential)	Want a Flat Hourly % of Base Pay instead of T
Article 6, C, 1-3	Change in Regular Days Off	Want ability to deal with extraordinary events
Article 6, D, 2	Change in Regular Days Off	Want to clairfy what this means, especially as
Article 6, J	Standby Pay	Carve out for Airport K9
Article 6, M	Departmental Seniority	Want ability to flex officers into areas and bea
Article 8, A	Vacation Authorized	Does not match City Policy. City Policy is mor
Article 9, A, 2	Sick Leave Policy and Procedures	This has a grammatical error and does not ma
Article 10, G, 6	Injury Leave	Should match practice. Not correct now.
Article 11, B	Uniform Allowance	Council wanted us to negotiate this item. PD
Article 21	Term of Agreement	Does not make sense. Something is missing.
Article 21 and 24	Term of Agreement and Waiver Clause	Contradict each other.



TIM DOUBT

Assistant Chief of Police

Salt Lake City Police Department



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From: Oldroyd, Jaysen
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 8:58 AM
To: Winters, Steven; Sauers, Pete; McKenna, Michael; Fitisemanu, Jonathan; Hedrick, David
Cc: Salazar, David
Subject: Response to the SLPA 2020 Negotiations Proposal
Attachments: Response to SLPA Proposal - 5-14-2020 - Signed.pdf

Thank you for your proposal regarding the 2020 City/SLPA Negotiations.

Please find attached the City's response to the SLPA's correspondence and latest proposal.

Jaysen R. Oldroyd
Senior City Attorney
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From: Winters, Steven
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 8:47 AM
To: Oldroyd, Jaysen
Subject: Recap of our conversation on May 19, 2020

Jaysen,

I just wanted to recap our conversation on May 19, 2020. During this conversation we talk about resolution possibilities with regard to the MOU. I feel we are making some headway but much more improvement is needed to resolve the differences. To prevent an impasse, as the association we are will to:

- Wait until December 2020 to see where the financial position of the city is.
 - ✓ We ask that we are provided with some financial figures which would indicate the city is able to provide pay increases.
 - ✓ We ask that some documented proof the city intends to resolve the vehicle take home fee.

In respect to what we feel can be dealt with MOU:

- I/A investigation, officer and Union representative be notified of the pending I/A investigation. Official notice to both parties.
- The Union Rep. be permitted to review evidence prior to the I/A interview.
- Officer /Union be permitted to have PDH extension when requested, ten days.
- Offense category and tier be indicated on the initial complaint.
- Possible employment sanctions be indicated in the initial complaint. (Punishment)
- Officer and Rep be permitted to interview witnesses before or during PDH.

As the Union, we feel these changes must be indicated in the MOU, some changes have been proposed to be made in police policy, we feel the policy are too easily changed and leave little protection.

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From: Doubt, Tim
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 1:04 PM
To: Winters, Steven
Cc: Oldroyd, Jaysen; Salazar, David
Subject: RE: Negotiations - Airport K9 Standby

Steve –

You are correct in that it was my intention to offer this back when financial times were normal. They are not now and neither the City nor the Airport has revenue to offset this increase. We can revisit this in December as I am still supportive of the concept, there just needs to be funding to make it happen.

From: Winters, Steven [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 12:58 PM
To: Doubt, Tim [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Negotiations - Airport K9 Standby

Tim,

The TSA grant is for just this reason, to cover “Extra cost” pertaining to this position, Dog and handler. When the airport was a standalone department these officers were given the very same as our request, the cost of the officer and handler are reimbursed by the airport authority and it would appear the police department is now absorbing these TSA funds back into the general expenses and or simply paying portions of the officers’ salaries, which is not the grant expectation. More so you and I have spoken several times about this and you lead me to believe this matter was going to be fixed. From my view point, this matter should be corrected ASAP.

From: Doubt, Tim
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 9:42 AM
To: Winters, Steven <[REDACTED]> Johnson, Jason <[REDACTED]>; Salazar, David <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Negotiations - Airport K9 Standby

All –

I promised to get a cost analysis of changing Airport K9 Standby Pay. Here is the short answer.....

K9 Squad costs without Sgt included is \$705,000. TSA Grant provides \$252,500 which leaves \$452,500 which is paid for by the Department.

To increase standby to 2 hours of straight time for 12 hours of standby time it would increase expense \$30-42K per year depending on methods of calculation.

With the current budget problems in the City, PD does not have the additional budget for that, so we cant offer it at this time.



TIM DOUBT

Assistant Chief of Police

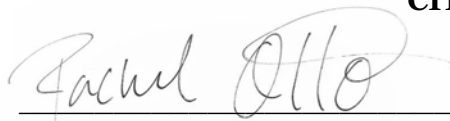
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CITY COUNCIL TRANSMITTAL


Rachel Otto, Chief of Staff

Date Received: 6/13/2020

Date Sent to Council: 6/13/2020

TO: Salt Lake City Council
Chris Wharton, Chair

DATE: 6/13/2020

FROM: Rachel Otto, Chief of Staff – Office of the Mayor



SUBJECT: Extension of the Memorandum of Understanding Between Salt Lake City Corporation and the Salt Lake Police Association

STAFF CONTACTS: Jonathan Pappasideris, Senior City Attorney
Jaysen Oldroyd, Senior City Attorney
David Salazar, Human Resources Program Manager

DOCUMENT TYPE: Ordinances

RECOMMENDATION:

The existing Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) between Salt Lake City Corporation (the “City”) and the Salt Lake Police Association (“SLPA”) expires on June 28, 2020. In accordance with the “Collective Bargaining and Employee Representation Joint Resolution” (also known as Resolution 15 of 2011 or the “Resolution”), the City has engaged in good faith negotiations with the SLPA in an attempt to reach agreement on the wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment of the police officers represented by the SLPA. However, on May 26, 2020, the SLPA declared impasse and terminated the negotiation process. Therefore, pursuant to Section 6 of the Resolution, the Mayor recommends that the City Council adopt the attached ordinances extending the existing MOU between the City and the SLPA for one additional year (i.e. from June 28, 2020 through June 27, 2021) and appropriating funds necessary to implement the provisions of the extended MOU.

BUDGET IMPACT:

A one-year extension of the existing MOU maintains a flat budget and no additional budgetary impact is anticipated as a result of the recommended extension.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Last year, the City provided salary increases to all police officers represented by the SLPA, including 6 percent raises for those officers receiving the highest rate of pay. These increases were significantly greater than those received by any other category of City employees last year.

During the current fiscal year, the City and the SLPA met regularly to discuss the MOU. In March 2020, it became apparent to the City that the significant and ongoing COVID-19 pandemic would severely adversely affect its financial outlook for fiscal year 2021. As such, the City informed the SLPA (as well as the other two labor organizations with whom the City has a contract) that the Mayor's proposed budget for fiscal year 2021 would be "flat," with no proposed raises (other than already-approved merit increases) for any City employees. The City also notified the SLPA that the Mayor's proposed budget for fiscal year 2021 did not contemplate layoffs, furloughs, and/or reductions in force of City employees. Finally, the City offered to revise each of its three labor contracts (including the MOU) to include language memorializing the City's commitment to re-open negotiations regarding wages and other forms of monetary compensation at the close of 2020.

Despite the Mayor's declared intent to propose a flat budget, the SLPA demanded additional monetary compensation from the City, including another 6 percent raise for those police officers currently receiving the highest rate of pay. Additionally, the SLPA requested that the City eliminate the take-home vehicle fee established in City Code; increase by 100 percent the amount of City-paid time per week that the SLPA President is allowed to spend exclusively conducting SLPA business (i.e. from 10 hours to 20 hours per week); and make substantial changes to the Police Department's investigation, pre-disciplinary, and disciplinary processes.

In response, the City sent a letter to the SLPA Board on May 21, 2020, reiterated its assessment of the current financial circumstances, and again offered to commit to re-opening negotiations at the end of 2020 to reevaluate the SLPA's demands for increased salary and other forms of monetary compensation. In its May 21, 2020 letter, the City also offered to consider revising the MOU to double the amount of City-paid time allotted per month to designated SLPA representatives for the sole purpose of conducting SLPA business. Further, the City indicated its willingness to discuss the concept of a one-time automatic five-day extension of scheduled pre-determination hearings, as well as the SLPA's request that it be notified upon the commencement of an Internal Affairs investigation into one of its members.

Regarding the SLPA's other demands, the City explained in its May 21, 2020 letter that the SLPA's prior request for additional financial compensation was not feasible at the present time. Likewise, the City informed the SLPA that, because take-home vehicle fees are established and set forth in City ordinance, such fees are defined by the Resolution as being outside the scope of MOU negotiations. With respect to the requested 100 percent increase in the amount of City-paid

time per week allotted to the SLPA President to exclusively conduct SLPA business, the City noted that allowing any one City employee to spend 50 percent of their work week on non-City matters did not represent the best use of taxpayer funds. Finally, the City emphasized that the majority of the SLPA's proposed changes to the investigation, pre-disciplinary, and disciplinary processes were not in the best interests of the Police Department, its employees, and the public as a whole.

In its May 21, 2020 letter, the City also expressed its desire to arrive at a mutually-agreeable resolution and asked the SLPA to continue to work with it to avoid impasse and reach an outcome that would benefit both parties as well as the public. However, the SLPA elected not to respond to the City's letter. Instead, the SLPA declared impasse in writing on May 26, 2020 and, in doing so, terminated negotiations.

Pursuant to Paragraph 6 of the Resolution, and having carefully considered her options, the Mayor now recommends the City Council extend the existing MOU between the City and the SLPA for one additional year (i.e. from June 28, 2020 through June 27, 2021). In recommending that the existing MOU be extended, the Mayor also clarifies that the City will not re-open negotiations on any aspect of the MOU (including wages or other forms of monetary compensation) with the SLPA at the end of 2020, regardless of whether the City's financial situation has improved and/or the City elects to re-open negotiations with one or both of the other two labor organizations. The two ordinances attached to this transmittal provide for: i) extension of the existing MOU for an additional one-year period; and ii) appropriation of funds necessary to implement the provisions of the extended MOU.

Clean copies (approved as to form) of the proposed ordinances are included with this transmittal and Jonathan Pappasideris, Jaysen Oldroyd, and David Salazar can attend the work session if so desired by the City Council.